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GREAT TRIBUTE PAID BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AT NOTABLE MEMORIAL SERVICE. SPEAKERS PAY TRIBUTE

WORK OF ANITA BUSH ON THE STAGE

Glimpse into Life of Mrs. Lotta Williams, wife of Bert Williams—Ex-President of St. Mark's Spends Holidays in South—General News and Comment.

Allen's National News Bureau,
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NEW YORK, December 20, 1915.—A great tribute was paid to the memory of Booker T. Washington last Thursday evening at St. Mark's M. E. church in one of the greatest memorial services held in this city in honor of the memory of the noted educator. Prominent speakers of both races extolled the high character and service of the late educator, and linked him up with the greatest men of the world's history. His loss was deplored as the greatest affliction that has come to the race, and a plea was made that the race dedicate itself anew to the principles advanced by the educator. Three thousand people packed the edifice to its doors, and if a word had not been uttered it would have been sufficient tribute to the memory of the deceased. The meeting was under the auspices of the Interdenominational Preachers' Meeting. The meeting was called to order by Rev. R. M. Bolden, who in turn presented Dr. William J. Schiefferlin, one of the trustees of Tuskegee and one of the most ardent admirers of the great work done by Booker Washington. Dr. Schiefferlin presided. In his opening remarks he told of the great and touching scene that he witnessed at the funeral of Dr. Washington, where over 8,000 people participated from all walks of life, and when the entire city of Tuskegee closed down its life in honor of the educator. "It is hard to believe,, continued Dr. Schiefferlin, "that the great life of service that went about doing good is silenced. Twenty years ago I visited Tuskegee, shortly after the famous address made by Dr. Washington in Atlanta.

"The scene then was different than it is today. There was shrubbery, and the buildings were not so imposing as they are today. Now the scene has been transformed through the wonderful genius of Booker Washington." Dr. Schiefferlin told of how he gave up his own room in his own home several years ago when Dr. Washington was a guest in his home.

Rev. F. M. Handy gave the invocation. The New York Female Quartette then sang several of the favorite jubilee songs of Dr. Washington, among them "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

Rev. Dr. W. L. Lee, pastor of the Fleet Street A. M. E. Zion church, in Brooklyn, was the first speaker. Dr. Lee said that Dr. Washington was called away ahead of his time, and that the race had hoped that he would live to carry on the great propaganda he so well began.

Dr. E. P. Roberts one of the best known men of the race in this city, and in whose home Dr. Washington stayed for the last time while in this city, told of the closing days of the educator in this city. Dr. Roberts told of the patience and fortitude with which Dr. Washington bore up under his illness, and said that even when he told him goodby at the railway depot he was sure of getting well. Dr. Roberts said that from his own observation the educator was sick several years before he would make any complaint. We persuaded him, stated Mr. Roberts, to rest from his labors when he presided at the business league in Boston, but up to the last he said that he would remain in harness. Dr. Roberts said the educator was solicitous of the welfare of the common people of his race, and said that he was in sympathy with all movements that had for their aim the betterment of the race.

C. C. Clarke then sang a solo. A touching tribute was paid by ex-Collector Anderson, who was an intimate friend of the educator in this city. Mr. Anderson said: "In the history of all struggling people there comes a time when we need some one to plead our cause. He may not be a college graduate but he must impersonate the ideals which he preaches." Such a man, declared Mr. Anderson, was Booker Washington.

George H. Jones, Jr., then sang a solo much in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. Rev. F. M. Hyder, pastor of the St. James Jresbyterian church said in the course of his address that we are not as far removed from the death of the educator as to properly interpret the life of the great man we are honoring. Dr. W. H. Brooks made a plea for a collection for two of the worthy institutions in this city as a thank offering to the memory of the great educator. At the conclusion of the meeting a resolution was read by Rev. R. M. Bolden calling upon the audience to join in the great movement to perpetuate the memory of the great educator in the memorial fund that is being raised for Dr. Washington. The meeting was a notable tribute to the memory of the educator. The great metropolis where Dr. Washington is known better than any other city in the north has taken the death of the educator in a hard strain.

WORK OF MISS ANITA BUSH ON THE STAGE.

Your correspondent is glad to call attention to young men and women of the race who have gone on the stage with a view of uplifting it. Last week your correspondent interviewed Miss Anita Bush in her dressing room at the Lincoln theater where she is filling an engagement with her own stock company. Miss Bush is one of the most ambitious of the younger stars on the stage, and is giving much time to the serious side of the stage. She has had wide experience and has a good background for her work. For several years she was with the Williams & Walker Company where she played an ambitious role with that company. She accompanied the troupe to Europe and was one of the members to sustain the reputation of that famous company. After leaving Williams & Walker she played several points in Europe in vaudeville with Avery & Hart. She then returned to this country and toured America at the head of her own company with marked success. Desiring to do something for the elevation of the stage as well as to show the histrionic ability of the Negro, Miss Bush recently organized her own stock company for the serious study of the drama. She is meeting with much success in her efforts. Her company is made up of a group of former stage stars who have won them the passing reputation in their work. When the company opened at the Lincoln theater several weeks it marked a new epoch in the stage life of the Negro in this country, and created a stir in theatrical circles in this city. It marked an ambitious beginning for the Negro, and the successful manner in which the company in the dramas that they have starred in have done much to bring out the fine ability of the Negro. Among the dramas that have been played with great success by the company are "The Girl at the Fort," "The Wedding Day," "The Accomplice" and the "Days of '61." Miss Bush who is Mrs. Given in private life is a very accomplished young lady, and her faith in the ability of the young men and women of the race to attempt the more serious things on the stage have done much to inspire the race in this city. She was born in Washington, but was educated at the Hillhouse High School in New Haven.

A Glimpse Into the Life of Mrs. Lotta Williams.

Last week your correspondent called on Mrs. Lotta Williams, the wife of the famous stage star, Bert Williams, in her beautiful home, 2309 Seventh avenue. Your correspondent had heard much of this talented woman, and with a view of seeing and meeting her in her home where the charms of the woman are at their highest, your correspondent sought an interview. When your correspondent called at the home of Mrs. Williams she had just dropped the telephone where she had concluded a long distance conversation with her gifted husband, Bert Williams, and was very pleased with the clear and distinct way in which the message came. Mrs. Williams in a soft voice that so well marked the lady, talked to your correspondent in very reluctant manner over her stage career and it was only after much prompting that she finally consented to give an interview. Your correspondent told her that her many friends throughout the country would be glad to get a word from her and to know of how happy she was spending her life in trying to make others happy. She did much, however, to evade your correspondent and talked over things in general which displayed the remarkable versatility of the former stage star, and her interest in things of current moment. Mrs. Williams who was born in Chicago was a member of the St. Thomas P. E. church in that city and as a young woman took part in many of the church concerts in her native city. While appearing in the concerts of her home, her talent was manifest, and it was soon seen that she had a promising future on the stage.

She came to this city and joined the Williams and Walker Company and starred with that famous troupe through all of their big successes, among them "In Abyssinia," "Sons of Ham," "In Dahomey," and "In Bandana Land". She will be remembered by thousands of people who saw that great show as playing the part of the book agent which she describes as her most successful role. In all of the shows of this famous company Mrs. Williams always played principal parts.

Mrs. Williams was one of the strongest members of that famous aggregation and was one of the most earnest members of the troupe. When asked whether or not she enjoyed her stage career, the former stage star said that she enjoyed her work because of the opportunity it gave to show the ability of the Negro on the stage. Despite the success that has come to this splendid woman she is modest and speaks lightly of her success. Speaking of her marriage to her celebrated husband, she said sixteen years ago she married Mr. Williams while members of the company.

Mrs. Williams is a devoted wife and speaks of Mr. Williams as a model and devoted husband. "Mr. Williams is a model husband," declared Mrs. Williams, "and his whole ambition has been to succeed. His present success is due to his earnest and conscientious efforts that he always put in his work. He has made many friends and throughout it all he is loyal to his home and family."

In these words Mrs. Williams proudly spoke of her husband of whom she is devoted. Mrs. Williams has now retired to private, and is devoting much of her time to philanthropic work among the poor of this city. She is fond of the quietness of the home, and her home in this city is a model of domestic charms. Mrs. Williams is a woman of high character, and is thoroughly devoted to her race. Your correspondent was glad to get this brief glimpse into the life of this talented woman.

Daniel Clark Spends Holidays at Home.

Daniel Clark, retiring president of St. Mark's Lyceum, the oldest literary organization in the North and one of the most popular young men in the city left last Friday for his home in Tarboro, N. C., where he will spend the holidays with his parents. Mr. Clarke who is devoted to his parents spends the holidays with them once every two years or so, in order to comfort his parents in their old days. Mr. Clarke is one of the best known young men in this city, and stands high in church and social circles in this city. He is a member of St. Mark's M. E. church where he has been on the official board for several years.

He is active in all departments of the church and he has made a host of friends. He has just closed his administration as the president of St. Mark's Lyceum which as an organization is one of the most potent for good in this city. Last Thursday he made a brief parting address which was enjoyed by the members of the organization.

Dan, as he is known in the younger set in this city, will be sadly missed by the young ladies of the metropolis among whom he is immensely popular.

A large host of friends will wish him a pleasant time in the Southland, and will watch for his return to his friends here.

Christmas Will be Widely Observed Here.

Christmas, the most notable of the yearly festivals, will be widely observed in this city. The city at this time is dressed in holiday garb, and the usual stir that comes at this season is manifest at this time. Ample preparation is being made on a very large scale for the provision for the city's poor, and judging from the effort that is being shown in this direction there will be a larger number of Christmas dinners than usual. The Salvation Army which feeds a large number of poor people during the holiday season is making great preparation to feed an unusually large number of people this year.

Special Christmas services will be held in the churches throughout the city. The musical features will be elaborate this year.

CREAM CITY NEWS.

(By H. Jones.)

Special to The Freeman:

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Another one of our good neighbors have passed away. Mrs. Mamie Wheeler, 558 Elison avenue, was buried January 3d from St. Mark's A. M. E. church. The deceased leaves a mother and a husband and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The acting pallbearers were: Edward Dotty, Walter Simons, Harry King, Guy Roberts. Mr. A. Page, of Toledo, O., Mrs. Nichols, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Banks of Chicago came to attend the funeral.

Mr. Clarence Edwards, 308 Eighth street, is very sick with the measles and pneumonia, the doctor attending him two or three times daily. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, formerly of Baltimore, have lived here for the past four or five years.

The Lacy Club banquet, the most entertaining event of the season, New Years' night, enjoyed a New Years tree, furnished by Mrs. Lacy Spencer, president of the Lacy club. Mrs. Sadie Downey, president of the Silver Leaf club was toast mistress. The New Year's tree furnished a great deal of amusement, from which every one received a present. Those who missed this entertainment missed one joyful time and much praise is given Mrs. Spencer for organizing a club of this kind that has proven a success from the beginning. When looking for a hearty meal, a social entertainment, stop at 272 Fourth street—the Lacy club.

WILLIAM NELSON PAGE DEAD.

Manager of Pittsburg Courier Was Private Secretary to Carnegie Steel Works Official—Founder of the Y. M. C. A.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—William Nelson Page, aged 46 years, manager of the Pittsburgh Courier, died at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 4, 1916, in Washington, D. C., after an illness of a few days, death being due to bronchial pneumonia. Mr. Page died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Malissa Taylor, where he and family had gone to spend the holidays.

For the past 26 years Mr. Page has been employed as private secretary to one of the officials of the Carnegie Steel Company. He rose from clerkship to this position by dint of hard work and perseverance. It has been said that during the many years of his service with this big corporation that he was never tardy and was the embodiment of the term, "tenacity." At the time of his death he was secretary to Mr. W. G. Clyde, general manager of sales.

In the capacity as manager of the Pittsburgh Courier it can he truthfully said that the present success and the height to which the paper has attained is directly due to the energetic efforts and efficient management of Mr. Page.

He was also instrumental in establishing the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. For a number of years he was secretary of the Loendi Club and was one of its founders.

Mr. Page is survived by a widow, Mrs. Bessie Taylor-Page, a son, William Clyde Page, and a daughter, Miss Mabel Page, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Page.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON—HIS LOSS AND AFFLICTION TO THE RACE.

TULSA, OKLA.

A grand recital will be given under the auspices of the D. P. Roberts quartette at Bethel A. M. E. church Thursday night, January 27, at 8:30 o'clock. This is the first of a series of quartette contests of the Male Chorus arranged by Director S. A. Ratliff. Mme. Ada Murphy, prima soprano, and Signor Julius St. Joe, Italian tenor, will appear. H. T. Laurey is managing the affair and promises music lovers a rare treat.

DR. EVANS MAY WIN HIS CASE.

Washington, D. C.

The mandamus suit of Dr. W. Bruce Evans to compel the board of education to show cause why it should not reinstate him as principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School, from which position it is alleged the board dismissed him contrary to law, is still going on in Justice Stafford's branch of the District Supreme Court. So far, every point has been won by Evans and unless some unforeseen fluke occurs, it is likely that he will win his contention.

On the stand, R. C. Bruce has been made to appear as cheap as a thirty-cent piece with a hole in it, and the general opinion is that the end of this trial will see the end of his tenure in the local school system. His faltering and contradictory testimony has been the tragic joke of the case and the feeble showing of the board will go far to convince the people that a screw is loose somewhere and that there ought to be a change. Dr. Evans has shown that the records of the board are faulty and inaccurate and now the tide has so turned that it is the board that is really on trial to test its efficiency, rather than Dr. Evans.

If the case goes for Dr. Evans in Justice Stafford's court, it is presumed that the board will carry the case up to the Court of Appeals on an appeal. If this is done, the case will be heard at once, under an emergency clause of the statute. A final victory for Evans—and everybody wants him to win—means reinstatement to two positions in the schools and his back salary since the fall of 1912—amounting to the snug sum of about $11,000.

GROESBECK, TEXAS.

Sunday was a beautiful day. Rev. Pamm preached a soul-stirring sermon to his people at the Primitive Baptist church. The people here in town from all churches turned out with them in a Christian band together, and they broke out rejoicing the Almighty God that ruleth over all, thanking Him that He has spared us all to see another new year, which some of us may never see again.

Mrs. Ida Johnson, Miss Lottie Evans, Mr. Nathan Bugers, Mr. T. J. Smith, Mr. Nelse Thomas, are all on the sick list. Yes, and old Uncle Zeke Buy.

Mrs. Callie McGuire gives many thanks to her neighbors and friends for their assistance and for aiding her during her bereavement over the death of her little niece. The school children took charge of the corpse after the funeral was over. Her little school mates sang two songs. The first was "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," and the second was "Nearer, My God, to Thee." They then lifted her into the hearse and it carried her away.

Our people here have had a very quiet and peaceable Christmas. No one hurt at all. The big men of Groesbeck are preparing to open a big brick yard, wanting 45 men at once to start work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ella May Curry have gone back to housekeeping again.

Miss Lela Thomas from Marlin spent Christmas here with her people.

Mr. L. B. Harris and Miss Erbie Jackson made Waco on Christmas.

Mrs. Estella Williams visited her mother and sister at Taylor, Tex.

Mrs. Dessa Brown and Mrs. Holloway are new subscribers to The Freeman.

Mrs. Emma Burnett and her daughter say that The Freeman is a good colored paper to read, and don't forget to leave them one every week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kassie Scott gave a nice New Year's dinner to her neighbors. They had turkey and dressing, Irish potato salad, pork and beans, macaroni, lunch tongue, spare ribs and backbones, iced tea, ambrosia and punch, cornbread, buttermilk, and good old turnip greens. The reporter for Groesbeck was there. Many thanks to my Freeman readers for their patronage. I hope that you all will live a long times and prosper. Now, in my write-up last week I did not mean to hurt any one's feelings at all. I was talking to them that are away behind and those that hide from me when they hear me blow my whistle. So, don't hide, because I have the editor's money to send in every week. If I don't he will not send me any papers. Please pay as you go. I have got 85 readers in town that take the Freeman and I want to make it 100 or more this year.

Miss F. M. York left town last Saturday to take up her school at Rocky Crossing.

Mrs. Birdie Max, Mrs. Estella Williams, Mrs. Mary Davis, Miss Roberta Blacker, Mrs. Abbie Young, Mrs. Sarah Tarlton have paid up for last year's papers in full, and are now ready to start again for the new year. They say that they like to be up and keep up, and don't want their names on the back list from last year; so I wiped their names off last year's books. When you want your write-up see J. A. Jones, reporter.

MEMPHIS, TENN., NEWS.

Mr. W. H. Caisey, practical shoemaker and repairer, is now employed by H. Zini, 58 1-2 North Second street. He is doing all the repair work for such stores at the Shop of Culture and other leading stores of the city. Why shouldn't we all give him a trial?

ALTON, ILL.

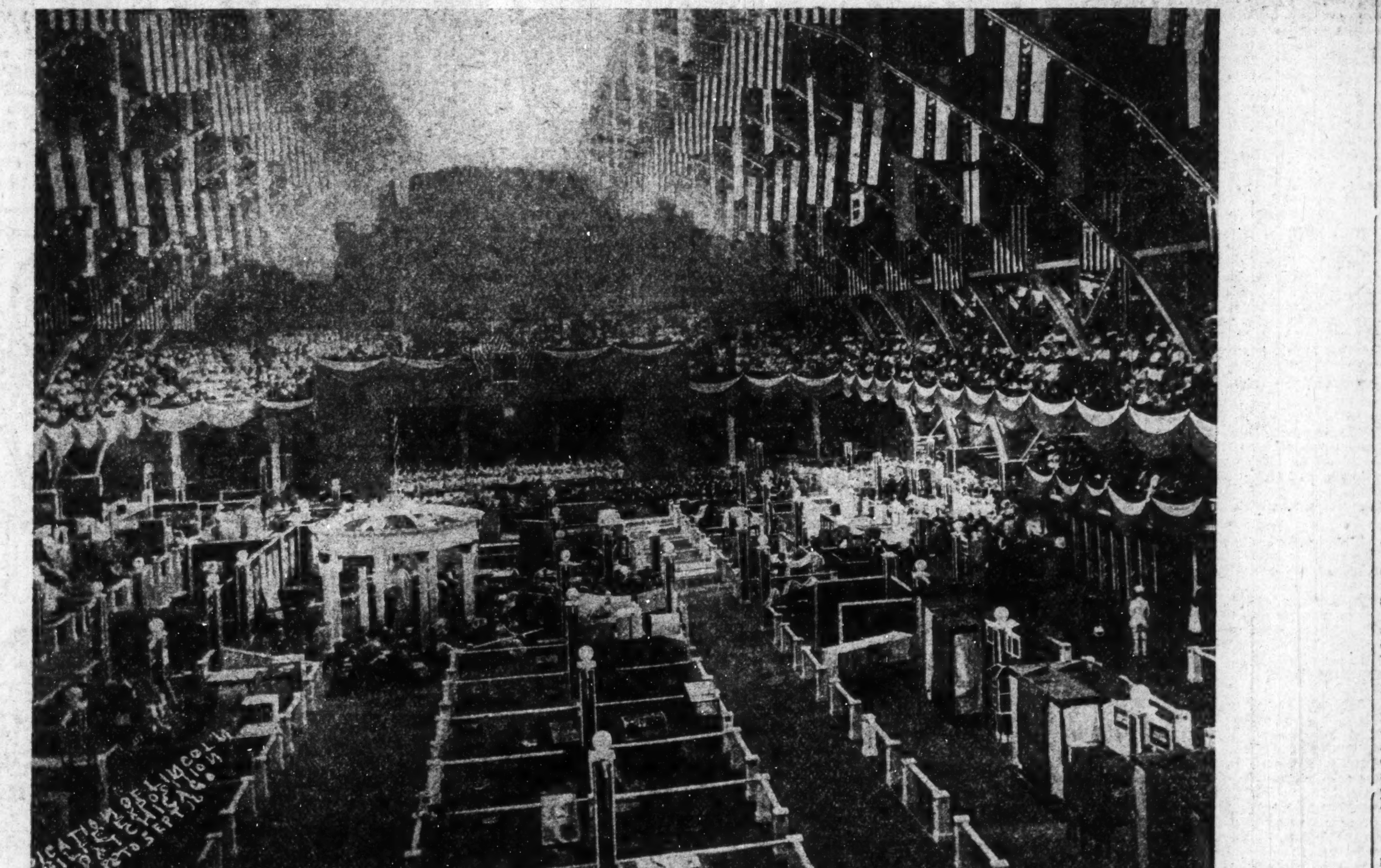
(By Pearl Curtis.)

There was a dream social given December 14, 1915, at the Methodist church.

Joseph Shawl died last Sunday, the 19th. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Belle Elsworth, aged 60, an old resident of Alton, died Monday, the 20th. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the A. M. E. church.

NATIONAL HALF CENTURY ANNIVERSARY EXPOSITION AND LINCOLN JUBILEE HELD AT CHICAGO, AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 16, 1915—A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION—EXHIBITIONS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY—THOUSANDS ATTENDED.


DEDICATION OF LINCOLN JUBILEE EXPOSITION AUG 22 TO SEPT 16 1915

Interior View of the 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Coliseum, Wabash Avenue and Fifteenth Street, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago Y. M. C. A. Building—Philanthropists Julius Rosenwald and Cyrus McCormick Gave $25,000 Each—J. H. Tilghman Gave $1,000—Dr. George C. Hall Chairman of Board, A. L. Jackson Executive Secretary.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY NIGHT

OBSERVED BY BETHEL LITERARY. PROF. KELLY MILLER EMPHASIZES VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATICN

EX-REGISTER NAPIER TO BE PRESIDENT

Suit of Dr. Evans Against Board of Education Continues—Cupid Busy in Christmas Season—Colored Men Promoted in Treasury—Major Young Home.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Amid th hurrah of the "college spirit," the enthusiastic yell, rhythmic hand-clap and improvised song, "Howard Night" was ushered in last Tuesday evening at Metropolitan A. M. E. church in felicitious style.

The occasion is an annual feast, fostered by the progressive Bethel Literary and Historical Association and is long-looked-for by the Howard University and the populace in general, mutually proud that they are such firm friends and factors in the uplift of the race. On "Howard University Night" the "Town and Gown" come together for a season of riotous fun, coupled with wit and wisdom that make for wholesome recreation and genuine profit for all concerned—the "city" below and the "school that sitteth on a Hill."

Miss Marie A. D. Madre, the efficient and graceful president of the Bethel Literary, presided, and saw to it that the faculty and the student body, as well as their host of friends from every section of the land were made welcome, and gave the frenzied multitudes from Howard Hill the freedom of the house, to make the welking ring and to give vent to their ebullitions of youthful joy in any "orderly" manner that might appeal to their inventive minds. Miss Madre is a model presiding officer, whole-souled woman of affairs and makes Bethel the nation's greatest forum because she knows the fine art of putting herself in sympathetic touch with the masses and the classes, the young and the old, the little and the big, and giving all a chance to show what they can do in the Marathon of life—playing no favorites and so refereeing the game that that the worthiest wins, if he "delivers the goods." The meeting this year, under Miss Madre's guidance, all things considered, was the best of the entire series of "Howard Nights" at Bethel, and everybody went home happy for having been present and participated in the variegated festivities.

Dr. Stephen Morrell Newman, president of Howard University, in a deliverance that sparkled with humor, rich and rare—and which set a warm pace for the "feast of reason and flow of soul"—introduced as the speaker of the evening, Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, sometimes facteiously styled "the mouthpiece of Howard University."

Howard University Facing the Future.

Dean Miller was at his best and spoke with unusual force, brilliance and clearness on "Howard University Facing the Future." Never before has the fundamental idea of the "higher education" had a presentation that was so illuminating or more convincing. The speaker recited the familiar history of the founding of the great school at the nation's capital by Gen. O. O. Howard for the higher training of the Negro youth, telling of its fierce struggles to live up faithfully to the ideals and standards set by its consecrated builders and outlining in a practical fashion the new ground that must be broken and the advanced goals that must be achieved if Howard University is to face the future with the assurance of being able to perform effectively the work for which it has been divinely commissioned.

"The chief aim of Howard University is to produce an educated and efficient leadership for the Negro race," said Prof. Miller, after pointing out the necessity for the trained man, who knows not only the rule but the reason—not only the fact, but the philosophy behind it—in matters that govern the conduct of life. "The function of the Negro college is to prepare choice youth of this race to stand in the high places of intellectual, moral and spiritual authority among their fortunate fellows. The blind cannot lead the blind, lest they both fall into the ditch. For want of vision the people perish, as well as for want of provision."

Prof. Miller led his hearers interestingly through the story of the leadership of Moses, who chose, under God, to deliver his lowly people out of the land of bondage and to lift up his ill-favored brethren, rather than enjoy for a season the luxuries of the House of Pharaoh, with the result that Moses became a hero by the world glorified, when as only an Egyptian prince, he would have ended his career in a pyramid mummified. The Negro of talent and opportunity today must choose, as did Moses, the course that will lead his people out of the morasses of ignorance and plant their feet firmly upon the rock of economic, professional and moral competence. Howard University is here to develop "picked men" to point the masses the pathway to the heights.

As a "National University," supported largely by the public purse, Howard must stand for patriotism of the purest type, argued Prof. Miller. He said the Negro is as good a citizen as the American people will permit him to be. He repudiates the hyphen. If the country calls him in its hour of need, the black man is ready to swallow his grievances and respond as enthusiastically as he did when the nation's life was imperiled a generation ago. The statesmanship, the philanthropy and the plain people of the land will remember this when the welfare of Howard University lies under consideration and appraise it as a nursery for the patriotic spirit of the American youth committed to its care.

For the future Prof. Miller urged a greater degree of publicity as to the aims and achievements of Howard; advocated the establishment of a department for the teaching of scientific agriculture emphasized a stronger campaign for moral and substantial strength among the forces that contribute to the support of the University, and that the Alumni should come more aggressively to the relief of its alma mater; and suggested the introduction of a department of graduate work, with sociology and anthropology as its basis, giving excellent reasons for all of the advanced steps recommended. He added that the college must not overlook the new idea of education—that the world now asks less about what a man knows, but concerns itself most about what he can do and how well he can do it. The address was voted by many as Prof. Miller's best effort. It hit the mark.

Side Lights on "Howard Night."

No one suspected that "Prexy" Newman had so much fun in him, as his fund of appropriate stories indicated.

L. G. Kooger, sophomore, of South Carolina, led the yells, songs and claps with vim and vigor. He was pronounced a "whang."

Profs. G. W. Cook, L. B. Moore, E. E. Pratt, E. L. Parks, W. H. H. Hart, C. S. Syphax, W. H. Richards and Trustees Stanton J. Peelle and J. C. Napier assisted materially in making the occasion memorable.

Miss Madre, wearing a winsome smile, directed the events of the hour. She was superbly gowned and looked "every inch a queen."

Justice Peelle's speech, extolling the Negro for his marvelous progress in fifty years of freedom was a masterpiece and stamped him as a scholar of breadth and real manhood. He paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Prof. Roy W. Tibbs led the Howard Glee Club, which did "some singing."

The decorations, class colors, penants, streamers and other paraphernalia added gayety to the radiant scene.

The songs were all good and gave evidence of originality and musical aptitude.

Every department of the University was largely represented and each had its distinctive "yell."

The affair was the biggest advertisement Howard has had for many moons.

Let us have some more "Howard Nights."

National Memorial in Honor of Dr. Washington.

The citizens' committee, headed by Mr. Henry Lassiter, has completed the bulk of the arrangements for the national memorial meeting in honor of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. The principal speaker of the occasion will be the Hon. Seth Low, former mayor of the City of New York, former president of Columbia University and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee Institute. His acceptance of the committee's invitation reached Mr. Lassiter by wire today. The names of the other speakers will be announced later. Strong letters have been received from many distinguished persons, among them tributes of appreciation of the deceased educator from Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Former President Taft,

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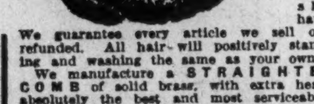

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One cannot hold another down
In the low ditch of life,
Without remaining there with him
In ignorance and strife.

The burden then, which would drag down
The man whose deeds are good,
Is raised, and he will surely climb,
Who lifts the brotherhood.

The man who's up, with his strong hand,
Should reach upon the ground,
And raise to heights where all are free
The man who's farthest down.

The man who's down is filled with hope,
He climbs both day and night,
And to the man who's up he shouts—
"Help, me! I need the light!"

—Jasper Tappan Phillips, M. D., Nashville, Tenn.

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If you don't, somebody else will.

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The newspaper business is no place for a "tenderfoot."

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It is now "Principal R. R. Moton, of Tuskegee Institute."

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Echoes of the Richmond exposition fiasco are to be heard in Congress.

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Anyhow, there are no two opinions as the necessity for "racial preparedness."

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"Educate from the bottom" correctly chirps Ben Davis' Atlanta Independent.

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Have you ever noticed that there are always vacant seats away up front? Go forward!

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Rights come much more readily to the fellow who sees to it that his duties are well performed.

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Our men in high places must live on the "do right" plan or take the consequences. This is going to be a bad year for grafters.

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Come to think of it, Joy, Ky., Bliss, Idaho, Paradise, Cal., and Delight, Kans., ought to be good places to spend a honeymoon.

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The new year will be a blessed one if it will eliminate the fellow who did you a service a long time ago and has never allowed you to forget it.

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Being asked as to what the nations of Europe are fighting about, Editor W. E. King, of the Dallas Express, rose to the situation by replying "Damfino." Ditto.

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That bright thing an editor or correspondent saves over for next week is invariably gobbled up this very week by an unesteemed contemporary somewhere.

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Editor John H. Murphy has discovered one way to cut down the high cost of living. The "sometime" Afro-American-Ledger" of Baltimore is now simply "The Afro-American." Good.

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Every colored man who succeeds in business is an advanced agent of the colored business high school and the colored commercial college. It is to the colored business man that these institutions must look to take their output.

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According to Mrs. Mary E. Washington, head of the Indiana Household of Ruth, No. 9, G. U. O. of O. F., the Indianapolis lodge has the largest membership, the Rushville lodge has the largest bank account and the Charleston lodge has the neatest hall.

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Say "No"—good and strong to the fakirs who are trying to commercialize the world's appreciation of the great work of Booker T. Washington. The $2,000,000 memorial fund, endorsed by the trustees of Tuskegee Institute, offers a field broad enough for any friend of the race's peerless leader to work in.

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We said a year ago, "Give Charles Banks a chance and he will 'make good'." The country gave him his chance and he is living up to the most sanguine expectation of his friends. The rejuvenated Bank of Mound Bayou is a living witness of his honesty, capacity and loyalty to obligations. Banks is all right.

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At the Topeka Industrial Institute, of which Prof. W. R. Carter is principal, four of the faculty are graduates of Tuskegee Institute and four former teachers of the Tuskegee school are employed. This institution was a favorite of the "Wizard of Tuskegee" and he was instrumental in securing for it many substantial benefactions.

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The only authorized story of the life and work of the late Booker T. Washington is being prepared by Emmett J. Scott and Lyman Beecher Stowe and will be issued in the spring from the press of Doubleday, Page & Co., New York City. It will embrace about 75,000 words and will be called "Booker T. Washington: Builder of a Civilization."

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Dr. Jasper Tappan Phillips, of Nashville, Tenn., son of Bishop C. H. Phillips, of the C. M. E. church, is one of the ablest young physicians in all the Southland and is public-spirited to the last degree. He believes in correlating the work of the head, the hand and the heart and it is the type of young colored Americans the nation must look to keep alive the principles for which Booker T. Washington gave his labor and his life.

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Little Rock, Ark., is planning to have a colored probation officer, and the newly-organized Juvenile Court Association, Negro, will push the movement. Mrs. Alice Meaddough is president of the association, Mrs. J. G. Thornton is secretary, and Mrs. C. Clapton is treasurer. The Arkansans are very proud of this new movement and all are working as a unit to make its purpose a success, even if they have to bear all of the expense, at the outset, of maintaining the office sought.

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The trouble with most of us is that we are always "starting something," but fail to finish it. A cause, to be successful, must be "stuck to," and a battle to be won must be fought to the last ditch. There can be no compromise with dishonor—no peace that does not square with righteousness. Don't get "cold feet," because victory seems afar off. Stick to the colors under which you have enlisted, stay in the field though defeat threatens, and fight the enemy to a finish. Don't expect war to be a "pink tea."

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Business men complain of the lack of thoroughness in the education that young people receive in the public schools. They say there are many who are brilliant in the classics and ornamental accomplishments, but who are poor spellers, inaccurate in "figgering," and structurally weak in the fundamentals of the English language—these faults showing up with especial painfulness among those who try to be stenographers, bookkeepers and newspaper helpers. School managers should think on these things.

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Leave the Booker T. Washington monument to the direction of the trustees. The colored people should set about at once to raise their $250,000 pro rata of the $2,000,000 memorial fund and the monument will grow out of this. The proper persons in each community, armed with credentials from the authorities, should make the collections and turn the money over promptly to Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute. Those who prefer should send their contribution directly to Mr. Scott at Tuskegee Institute. Let the good work begin at once!

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Recently published pamphlets have been received by us as follows: "Science and Christian Ethics" and "The Dethronement of a King," by Dr. C. V. Roman, the eminent scholar, journalist and medical authority, of Nashville, Tenn.; "Life's Harmony," by Burwell T. Harvey, Sr., teacher in the Lakewood (N. J.) public schools and pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Williamsbridge, N. Y.; and an address of "The Progress of the Negro," by Hon. Chas. L. Brown, presiding judge of the Municipal Court of Philadelphia, delivered at the Berean Presbyterian church of that city.

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The Eastern Colored School at Louisville, Ky., one of the largest and most helpful institutions in the Falls City, has been named "The Booker T. Washington School." The title was bestowed by the board of education at the urgent request of the faculty, teachers and patrons of the school, the citizens in general joining in the request. This is a fiting tribute on the part of the good people of Kentucky's metropolis, where the deceased educator has always been popular and where the most distinguished audiences of both races have heard him often and gladly.

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The Philadelphia Tribune points out the fact that the Negro race has lost within the past few months an alarming number of its oldest and ablest men, leaders in their respective fields of helpful activity. The list includes William Carl Bolivar, of Pennsylvania, known far and wide as the author of "Pencil Pusher's Point," an attractive feature of the Tribune for years; Maj. C. A. Fleetwood, of Washington, D. C.; Warren G. Fearing, of Washington, D. C.; Judge M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas; former Minister to Liberia J. Milton Turner, of Missouri; William E. Benson, of Kowaliga, Alabama; and, last and greatest, Dr. Booker T. Washington. The Tribune pertinently queries, "Are the men who should take their places ready for the job?

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The Washington Herald, noted for its breadth of view on questions involving the races, commenting on the report that Jess Willard is to be offered $50,000 to box Sam Langford, the Negro heavyweight, gives warning that it is going to keep the feet of the new champion to the fire if he tries to sidestep the issue. The Herald says: "Mr. Willard announced at the time he won the championship that he would never fight another black man; but if he refuses to meet Langford nothing can prevent the wane of his championship honors. Gladiatorial fame does not hesitate at the color-line." Willard, to stand out as a genuine world's champion, must be something more than the champion of the white fighters. There can be no color-line in sport.

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The Mosaic Templars of America, with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., deserve great credit for their determined stand against "graft" in their great order. Recently, a secretary defrauded a beneficiary out of a goodly sum of money and fearing detection in this and other crimes of a similar nature, the defaulting official left town. He was pursued into an adjoining state, where to escape the limit of the law, he plead guilty to a charge of theft and is now "doing time" for stealing the people's money. In too many instances of this kind, the thief is "whitewashed" by his brethren, in a mistaken spirit of leniency, and the entire system of fraternities suffers by reason of such a mollycoddle polity. The jail-house is the only logical place for "grafters."

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Rev. Frederick Douglass, of Cairo, Ill., has been elected secretary of Wilberforce University, to succeed Prof. Horace Talbert, who has filled the position for a number of years. Dr. Douglass, it is said, will bring to the school a virility and modernity that will be in keeping with the broadened scope which the venerable institution has recently entered upon. President W. S. Scarborough is making things hum at Wilberforce, and he is constantly surrounding himself with educators in hearty accord with his advanced ideas and who will work with him enthusiastically for the attainment of a common goal. Wilberforce is a credit to the great A. M. E. church and Professor Scarborough merits all the praise he has received for the star part he has played in the wonderful development that has come to it.

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The splendid work of J. Thomas Harrison in connection with the Boston meeting of the National Negro Business League will never be forgotten. He was solely responsible for the inauguration of the big session at the Armory on the Cambridge side of the river and to his organizing ability is due its signal success. His enjoyable breakfast to the National Negro Press Association at the Coleraine Club was one of the notable events of the league week and the space he devoted to the work of the league in his enterprising journal, the Advocate, contributed largely to the information of the world as to what went on in Boston before, during and after the banner conclave of the race's most useful organization. Editor Harrison's support of Dr. Washington's work has been constant, loyal and effective.

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No wonder our good friend, Sylvester Russell, the dramatic critic de luxe, is a Thesaurus of wisdom and erudition. In a recent report we learned that he had just received a "letter of jurisprudence" from Manager Barton, of a New York theatrical firm, which was followed by "one of prognostic detail of corroboration" from a traveling manager, Mr. Freeall, relative to the "authenticity" of Salem Tutt Whitney's "Smart Set." We have reason to know that the Whitney company is all that its friends claim for it, and it is a matter of gratification that Mr. Russell paved the way, like the gallant knight that he is, for the entrance of Mr. Whitney's stellar aggregation into the Grand Theater, Chicago. But, how could Mr. Russell fail to do the right thing in this connection, or any other matter of pith and moment, when he is in receipt of letters of the masterly quality above described. Sylvester Russell is "away out there," when it comes to getting next to the fine points of the realm theatric.

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Another organization that has won its way into the hearts of the people by its enmity to "graft" is the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association at Durham, N. C. No agent can stay with this company that is discovered "shaving" its policies—that is, deceiving some confiding patron into accepting less than the amount called for, because of an alleged complication in collecting the benefit from the home office, and putting the money into his own pocket. All agents must do business "on the level." A group of fakirs not long ago tried to cheat this company by having a well man take the physical examination through which a sick man obtained a policy. When the sick man died, the plotters tried to collect the money. The fraud was discovered and the grafters reaped their reward in a term of service for the State. The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association is a corporation that means business—and nothing but business, and the personal reputation of its leaders, Messrs. Merrick, Spaulding and Moore, is all the safeguard the people of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia need to protect the interests they place in the hands the Association.

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A professional dermatologist ought to have no trouble in making a living in this day of color disputes. I. S. Cousins, of Erwin, Tenn., a railroad engineer, was charged by his local lodge of locomotive engineers with being mixed with African blood, and as a result he lost his preferred run. He sued for $15,000 damages and secured a judgment in the federal court for $3,800, the jury deciding that Cousins was a white man. In St. Louis an extraordinarily "fair" pastor of a colored church got into trouble with his flock because somebody whispered it around that he was a "white" man, and now he is taking steps to file a suit against his accusers. Now, it would seem that an expert dermatologist who knows all about skin tints, complexion adulterations and blood admixtures that affect race issues, could get busy and put an end to all this sort of litigation, which is both embarrassing and expensive. Such skin specialists would be particularly valuable on street cars and railroad trains, in restaurants and theaters, and now and then, they might pick up a job in a church or a school house. Even "polite society" might at times avoid complications by drawing on their services.

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Out in Arizona the labor unions, growing bold by successfully holding up political leaders with threats as to what would happen if their displeasure were incurred, had a law engrafted upon the statute books making it necessary for an employing corporation to see to it that four-fifths of its helpers were native-born or qualified electors of the state. The matter has reached the United States Supreme Court in a suit to test the constitutionality of the law and the short-sighted statutes was made short shrift of by Justice Hughes, who knocked it out on the ground that it conflicted with the provisions of the national constitution prohibiting the denial to any person the equal protection of the laws. Such statutes, in their final analysis, might be construed to operate against the employment of persons of a certain color, religion or nationality, and while allowing certain special privileges to one class, would deny justice to others. Justice Hughes very firmly set himself on the ground that the 'right to work" at whatever one finds for his hands to do is the highest right of civilization and rendered his decision in accordance therewith. The labor unions of this country, as at present administered, must be watched. They are no friend to the colored man who wishes to work at the skilled trades or at any occupation that brings him sharply into competition with the white workman.

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The Pittsburgh Courier of recent date put out a timely protest against the fakirs who have gotten early on the job of making money for themselves through the public appreciation of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington. Some have incorporated associations for the erection of monuments, others are rehashing a mass of data and rushing out alleged histories of the life of the noted educator and others are pretending to found towns or schools in honor of the distinguished leader. A few of the movements, of course, are in good faith, but the counterfeits are so numerous that the honest ones are apt to be so overshadowed that to approve them would be to open the gateway wide for the shams and thus assist them in their effort to get a "bunch of easy money." It is better that the friends of Dr. Washington follow the path marked out by the trustees and contribute, through Secretary Emmett J. Scott, as much as they can afford to realize the $2,000,000 memorial fund and thus make sure of the future of Tuskegee Institute, which is, after all, Booker T. Washington's best and most logical monument. The memorials in stone and bronze can well await future action. Says the Courier, in conclusion: "That scandalous methods should be used to 'get money' is to be regretted; that any man would seek to commercialize the name of the man because the world knew him and loved him is also to be deplored. But if such men and methods are to be thrust upon us, we shall be prepared to meet them with the stern "No" they deserve. Watch for the fake schemers and their schemes."

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The Hon. William M. McDonald, facetiously dubbed "Goose Neck Bill," is an institution in Texas. He is known as a master of the art of politics, and as Grand Secretary of the Masonic Order of the Lone Star State he has made a record for helpfulness that rangs him away up as a business force and a stalwart man of affairs. He possesses a genius for thrift, and is rated as one of the nation's wealthiest Negroes. Just after leaving school and for years following, Mr. McDonald was the best paid colored teacher in Kaufman county. In 1895, when his friend and patron, E. H. R. Green, together with Banker W. F. Crawford and the late Senator M. S. Quay, put him in charge of the campaign in Texas of the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, they deposited in the Cameron Bank the princely sum of $35,000, subject to Mr. McDonald's check, to meet the expenses of that campaign. At the end of the year 1896, this thrifty citizen had in the bank more than $20,000. That same year he married Miss Helen Ezell, of Kaufman, and she had $25,000 in real estate, closing the season with $45,000 to his credit. In 1898 he was employed by E. H. R. Green and allowed $250 per month, plus expenses, holding this position for ten years. By shrewd investments he added much to his income during this period from outside sources. Mr. McDonald is close to the moneyed magnates of his state and is "put next" to all of the good things that come along. He doesn't tell now what he is worth, but it does not require a mathematician to figure out that he has a "little something" in his sock for a rainy day. "Goose Neck Bill" is strong with his people in Texas, because he has always deal with them "on the square," and has invariably kept his hands above the table.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

By W. T. Gillespie.

The celebration of the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation was held January 1 at the public school. The program follows: Introductory remarks by the chairman; music; Rev. J. C. Alden read Isaiah 60; prayer by Rev. T. A. Collins; Miss Hattie B. Nelson read the Proclamation; the report of statistician was read by Rev. William Hicks; closing address by Dr. J. B. F. Shaw. It was attended by a large crowd and we had a wonderful meeting. Dr. J. B. F. used for his text, "We are not looking for the man that can not, but we are looking for the man that can." Dear reader, as the Lord has blessed us to see the first day of January, 1916, let us try to do better this year than we ever have, also let us get together. Where there is union there is strength, so let us unite and take a forward march on Friday night, December 31st. The members of Union Baptist Church held watch meeting and the church was crowded. They also presented Rev. J. T. Davis, their pastor, with a fine suit of clothes and an over coat. Are you trying to add more readers to the list of the Freeman? You can do this by handing your old copy to your next door neighbor and tell him to call at the Howard Drug Store and buy the Freeman for sale every Saturday and Sunday.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

Notwithstanding the rainy weather during the holidays, a merry time was spent in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penn, of the drainage district, entertained Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Ware Sunday, December 26th.

On December 28th Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Rice gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Nannie Meacham, of Chicago, and Miss Ada Butler, of Lovejoy. About thirty-six persons from the tri-city were present.

Among those visiting here during the Christmas holidays were Mr. Fred Thompson, of Chicago; Mr. Cecil Owens, Chicago; Miss Florence Johnson, Marion; Mr. Jean Welch, of Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Hattie Bennit, of Chicago, and Wyatt Caldwell, of Chicago.

Thursday, December 30th, Prof. J. W. Ware gave a stag dinner, where a small bunch enjoyed a delightful time, as men do when alone.

Dr. A. T. Griffin, who has been the only colored doctor of this city for several years, has gone to Marion, Ill., leaving us without a physician. This is a good field for some man with a family.

Miss Dovie Taylor, assistant principal of Lovejoy high school, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, at Peoria, Ill.

Mr. N. Humble, popular merchant at Mounds, entertained a few friends here at Mounds Friday evening the 31st, at a stag, in honor of his brother-in-law, Fred Thompson, of Chicago. A good time was had until the bells began to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

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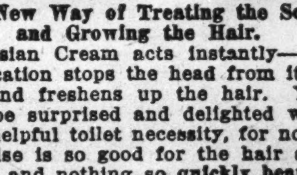
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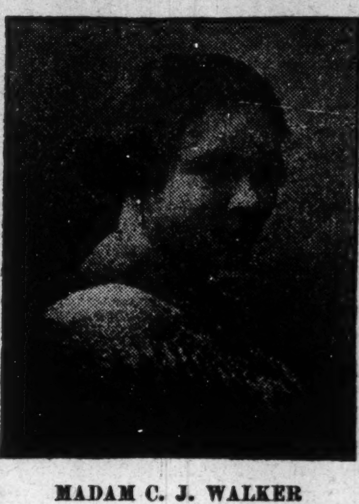

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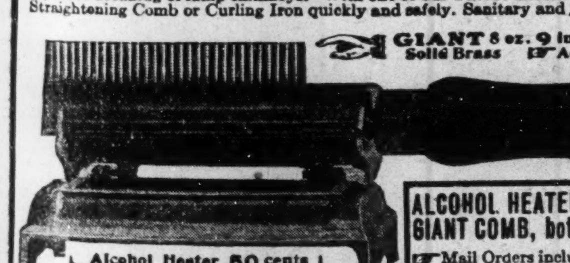

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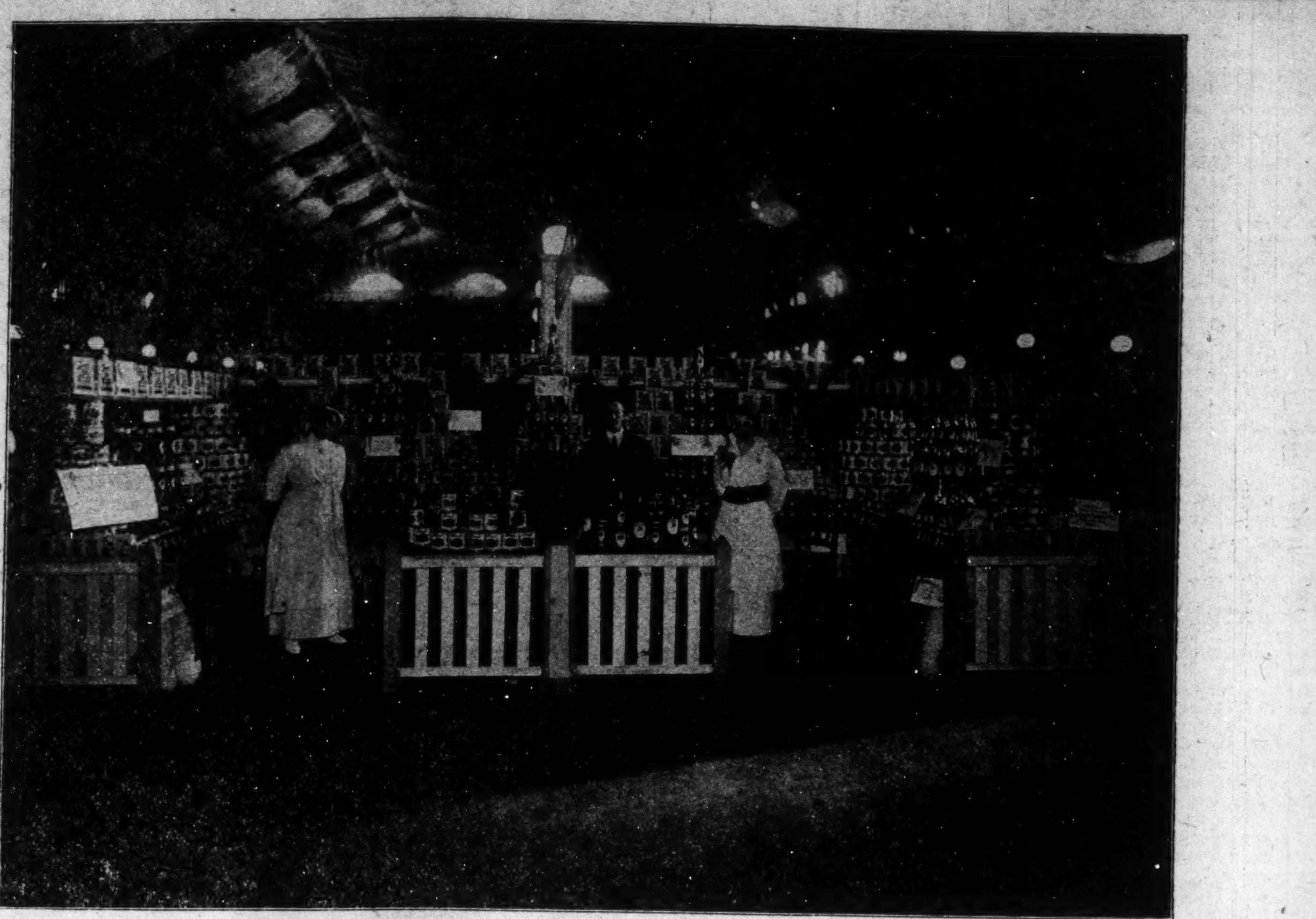

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LONE STAR STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Negro Lawyers in Texas Issue Address to the Race.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 27.—The third annual session of the Lone Star State Bar Association, an organization of Negro lawyers in Texas, was held today in the Thirty-seventh district courtroom, Attorney M. H Broyles, of Houston, presiding.

Following the discussion of several interesting papers, the passing of resolutions and the transaction of other business, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: M. H. Broyles, Houston, president: A. S. Wells, Dallas, vice-president; J. G. Wimberley, San Antonio, secretary; R. A. Campbell, San Antonio, treasurer.

The body unanimously issued the following address, and adjourned to meet in Waco, November 23, 1916:

To the Colored People of Texas:

As the representatives of the race at the bar of the courts of the commonwealth of Texas, we beg to assure you that your prospects for justice, equity and a "square deal" at the bar are far less gloomy than has heretofore been depicted to you by designing inferiors of other nationalities, and mercenary, gratuitous, hypocritical advisers of your own race—that class of persons who would have you understand that every action at law, civil or criminal, is wicked; that the lawyers of other nationalities are more wicked than those of our own; that the judges and the juries constitute a wicked institution; that all cases are decided by wicked influence, and not determined by the law and the facts, and that, therefore, when you are in court you must employ counsel from some other more wicked nationality in order to win. We urge you to have more respect for, and more confidence in, yourselves, and consequently more faith in counsel of your own nationality, whom we hasten to assure are entirely capable and have a high sense of honor as men.

We regret that the free people of the commonwealth of Texas ever saw fit to make the payment of a poll tax the prerequisite to the right to vote. However, since they did so conceive and made it a requirement, and since there is no discrimination as against the race, per se, we most sincerely urge that every male member not otherwise disqualified, pay your poll tax before February 1, because the poll tax gives you the ballot, and the ballot is your sword in this government. Without the ballot, you are like a soldier on the field of carnage unarmed.

We believe in the equality of men and women—the freedom of both. We, therefore, declare that the right of suffrage should be extended to woman.

We are not clannish, but we realize that self-preservation is the first law of nature, and that social conditions make us regard our kind as ourselves. We therefore believe that the best interests of all the individuals of all the organized bodies of the race would be best subserved by the employment of counsel of our own race. We therefore urge that, in the interest of self-preservation, in the interest of race unity and consequent strength, in the interest of your own children, who are entitled to your encouragement, in the interest of posterity, you insist that your leaders not continue blind to these most vital virtues to race uplift.

We regret that in many communities of the state there seems to be discrimination respecting jury service. But we beg to assure you that the practice has not been established for the purpose of taking undue advantage of litigants or defendants of the race, but is largely due to existing social conditions, which are entitled to respect. Because of being in a position to understand this situation better than the average layman, we wish to assure you again that the courts are honorable and the juries are fair and that your case is as safe in the hands of counsel of your own race as with counsel of other nationalities, if the law and the facts are with them and they have the ability to handle them.

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MONROE N. WORK, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND RESEARCH OF TUSKEGEE, GIVES LYNCHING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1915.

As head of the Division of Records and Research of The Tuskegee Institute, I co-operated with the late Dr. Booker T. Washington, Principal, in keeping an annual record of all lynchings in the United States, which record was sent by him from time to time to the public press. According to this record there have been, during the year just closed, 69 lynchings. Of those lynched 55 were Negroes and 14 were whites. This is six more Negroes and eleven more whites than were put to death by mobs in 1914, when the record was 49 Negroes and 3 whites. Included in the record are three women. In at least four instances it later developed that the persons put to death were innocent of the offenses charged. Eighteen, or more than one-fourth of the total lynchings, occurred in the state of Georgia.

Only 11, ten Negroes and one white, of those put to death, or 15 per cent. of the total, were charged with rape. Other offenses and number lynched for were: Murder, 17, five whites and twelve Negroes; killing officers of the law, 9, three whites and six Negroes; wounding officers of the law, 3; clubbing officer of the law, a family of four, father, son and two daughters; poisoning mules, 3; stealing hogs, 2, white; disregarding warnings of night riders, 2, white; insulting women, 3; entering women's rooms, 2; wounding a man, 2; stealing meat, 1; burglary, 2; robbery, 1; looting, 1; stealing cotton, 1; charged with stealing a cow, 1; furnishing ammunition to man resisting arrest, 2; beating wife and child, 1, white; charged with being accessory to the burning of a barn, 1.

Lynchings occurred in the following state: Alabama, 9; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 5; Georgia, 18; Illinois, 1; Kentucky, 5; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 2; Ohio, 1; Oklahoma, 3; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 5; Virginia, 1.

MONROE N. WORK.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

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By Col. J. G. Griffin and His Boys.

The holidays have come and gone with its joys, woes and sorrows. We oue it to the God that giveth our lives for sparing us and we turn thanks to Him. We trust that one and all had a good old time and have considered to do more for Him in the future than they have in the past. Those who were in the saving clubs showed wise judgment with the use of their savings in their homes. A large number of the race who resides in the metropolis are seeing to it that no more waste of holidays for them and their earnings. Old monster grip is holding full sway, and hundreds and hundreds of people are in its powerful grasp. While several deaths have occurred and all the doctors have been quite busy, the undertakers have not been overrun. The highwaymen and thieves it seems have chosen Dallas as an easy spot for their operations. They prey on those who go to and from their work after nightfall, and without any warning they do their dirty work and exit. In all parts of the city even our visitors have fared badly at their hands. Citizens Viligence Committees are being talked of and larger number of peace officers have been put on duty, yet they get away. Citizens and everybody else must account for their being out at nights. We pray God for a change of these conditions in and around the metropolis for the black men and women who are trying to make an honest living buying homes and building up their various kinds of legitimate businesses to say the least. But bring justice to each and everyone, and let it be soon. Officers, lawyers, judges and others are all interested in running down these criminals.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Henry are at home to their friends at 2707 San Jacento street.

Mother Wooton, who spent several weeks here visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Agnes Scott, returned to her home, Clarksville, for the holidays.

We have a large number of the race who wishes to do business on promise and is the full case of so many Negro failures here in Dallas. When the Jew, Dago and Greek gets theirs there is nothing left for the race.

Prof. J. W. Jeffery, a Kaufman county teacher for twenty years, has chosen the metropolis as his home. He is busy at this time studying law and will enter the newspaper business in this city. We welcome the professor and his family.

We have some people who insist on getting the Negro papers on credit but pay in advance for the white dailies. All readers of the Freeman can learn the Dallas terms are hereafter in advance. If not paid up don't expect it for it will not be at your home or your business. We hope to do a better business and not so much dunning in 1916. Thanking one and all, we are for an increased circulation and better service with the cash in advance. Your earnest co-operation is solicited.

Mr. J. A. Stewart made a trip to Mineral Wells and returned all smiles.

Mr. Bud Bogan visited in Montgomery, Ala.

Rr. R. T. Hamilton enjoyed the holidays with old friends in Alabama.

Mr. J. T. Watley is back after several weeks absence from the city.

Mr. Ed. Morgan spent the holidays at Tyler, among old time friends.

Mrs. O. Francis enjoyed an extended trip among friends and relatives at Fulton, La.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson enjoyed an extended Christmas trip to their old home, Shrevesport, La.

Jim Crittendon the tailor, made a flying trip to Ft. Worth, but only remained a short while there.

We want to thank the Freeman for the big Exposition number. We are very sorry to express our disappointment for those who at the very last moment could not take the space they promised to do. But the times are hard, which we attribute to their cause in not taking the space. These columns are still open to you, so make it a point to see me.

Mrs. Jannie Johnson royally entertained at her Betterton Circle street home for her husband, and mill crew, who assisted in operating the Trinity Cotton Oil and Refining Co., at Dallas, Monday afternoon and night. It was an elaborate spread of good things to eat and was enjoyed by the following persons Messrs. Henderson, Wright, James Frye, Frank Alexander, Johnny Alexander, Williams, Vienson, Johnson, White, Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnson, daughter and family. Each voted that Mrs. Johnson was there with the highest degree in the culinary art.

The Little Tom Thumb wedding party by the kindergarten school class exercises recently, held at St. John Baptist Church, has been the talk of those who were there to witness it. As an all-star attraction, Mesdames Johnson and Harper deserve more than praise in the way they cared for the children and each child, as well as the grown folks should never forget the sentiment moulded in child plays.

Mr. Leonard Kyles celebrated his birthday by giving his friends an all-day Christmas dinner.

Find Uncle Buck at the new Live Oak Cafe.

Mrs. Granville Lacy and children will spend several weeks visiting relatives in Galveston.

Let our people learn the art of drawing our race to themselves, as the Dago and the jews do.

Mr. Jim Price has returned from a trip to Marshall.

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Mrs. Jim Butts, of Mineola, visited her sister, Mrs. Emanual Brown, on Routh street.

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Our various churches held watch meetings and were largely attended.

Mrs. Julia Jordon, the wife of City Editor J. R. Jordon, of the Dallas Express, celebrated her birthday anniversary with a large number of her friends, which marked the opening of the festivities in the metropolis, on December 20th.

The Dallas Widow's Club is in the limelight for leap year. Men look before you leap!

Joe B. Norton and Bud Smith are at ease just now; they set the Star to revolving and its now going, but by Ed Lee and D. V. Hooper.

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If pressing clubs were storehouses of meat the race would have the world bowing at its shrine daily.

Mr. Wm. Sanders is on the mend.

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Old Crimp has caught a manny hungry dressed-up man and woman on the track this fall and winter.

The various churches will hold Christmas trees and other amusements for old and young. So be there and help recall the past.

Dallas is after highway men, sluggers and the criminal class jam-up and they have been after the people a bit too much for comfort here now.

Your wood and coal orders will please W. H. Page and Hub Thomas. Yes, sir.

Our people should pay their poll tax if they intend living in the city and work at the various kinds of work that must be done by them. The city must be run O. K. and it takes tax money and other monies also.

Mr. Dud Whittaker is off the road, so he says, and can be found at his big cent and Bryan.

The crowd was nearly even at the Dago wedding last Sunday night, corner North Allen and Trinidad, of whites and blacks. All had a good time.

Our people could pattern and profit by the examples of the Jew and Dago. They stand by each other.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

By the 25th U. S. Infantry, at Schofield Barracks, Hawaian Ter.

One of the most solemn and at the same time the most impressive services ever held at Schofield Barracks was that which took place at the 25th Infantry Amusement Hall on Sunday evening, December 19, 1915, as a memorial to the late Dr. Booker Tallliaferro Washington, the sage of Tuskegee. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Scott Literary Society and the various fraternal organizations of the 25th Infantry, the special music for the occasion being furnished by the 25th Infantry Band, conducted by Chief Musician Leslie King, and the Scott Glee Club, conducted by Private Highbaugh, Quartermaster Corps.

The meeting began promptly at 6:00 o'clock p. m. The Masons, the Odd Fellows and the United Spanish War Veterans marched from the veterans hall to the place of meeting in a body, being dressed in full regalia with their banners and insignia. All of the numbers on the program were well rendered and evidenced careful preparation. The sacred music, rendered by the 25th Infantry Band, under the leadership of Chief Musician King, and especially the violin solo by Private Leon H. Herriford, of the band, and the songs rendered by the Glee Club are deserving of special mention. Private Highbaugh, of the Glee Club, led in the singing of "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," Mr. Washington's favorite jubilee song, which was perhaps the most stirring and impressive number on the program. Mr. Hilson's eulogy, Private Richman's essay and Private Moses' reminiscences of his school days at Tuskegee held the large audience, which almost filled the hall to its capacity, with great interest.

Chaplain Oscar J. W. Scott, by special request of the Literary Club, delivered the address of the evening, taking as his subject: "Booker T. Washington As I Knew Him." Chaplain Scott was a personal friend of Dr. Washington, and for that reason was able to tell of many of the intimate facts of the great leader's life and character. He knew of many of the struggles and of the triumphs of Dr. Washington. He spoke of the great stress which Dr. Washington laid upon thrift and industry, of his thoroughness and of his courage in the face of difficulties. He impressed the audience by relating incidents showing Dr. Washington's faithfulness even in little things, and told of his great faith and pride in his race. Dr. Washington was a famous story teller, which helped to make almost, if not quite, as popular as Lincoln, as a platform speaker. The Chaplain retold some of Dr. Washington's most renowned stories and showed how every one of them had a special point, and always struck home. He said in conclusion that he believed Dr. Washington's great faith in his race would be fully justified.

The following is the program in detail:

Selection by the 25th Infantry Band, Leslie King Chief Musician.
Hymn, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River"—Congregation.
Prayer—Chaplain Oscar J. W. Scott
"Appreciation of the Life and Character of Dr. Booker T. Washington—Quartermaster Sergeant John H. Allen, Co. H., 25th Inf.
Selection—The band.
"Eulogy on the Life of Dr. Washington—Private Hilson, Co. M.
Violin solo (band accompanying)—Private Leon H. Herriford, of the band.
Remarks by the heads of fraternal organizations: Corporal Benjamin H. Mills, Co. F., for the Masons; First Sergeant Bryson, Co. B., for the Odd Fellows; Sergeant Jones, Co. L., for the United Spanish War Veterans.
Essay, "Booker T. Washington"—Private Rickman, Co. K.
Song, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot,"—Glee Club and congregation, led by Private Highbaugh. (Mrs. Scott accompanying at the piano.)
"Personal Reminiscences of My Life At Tuskegee"—Private Moses, M. G. C.
Quartette selection, "Lead Kindly Light"—The Glee Club.
"Booker T. Washington As I Knew Him"—Chaplain O. J. W. Scott, 25th Infantry.
Taps—Benediction.
Memorial Committee—Chaplain O. J. W. Scott, 25th Inf.; Chief Musician Leslie King, 25th Inf.; 1st Sergeant Bryson, Co. D., 25th Inf.; Quartermaster Sergeant John H. Allen, Co. H., 25th Inf.; Corporal Benjamin H. Mills, Co. F., 25th Inf.; Privates Hilson, Rickman and Graves.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1916.

President Wilson found it necessary to break off his honey-mooning down in Virginia, owing to pressure of official business.

Emancipation day was more generally observed this year than heretofore. This was due, we think, to a disposition to commemorate the past fifty years of freedom.

The County Commissioners took care of a goodly batch of the anxious January 1. The boys left that their new year's gifts were worth while. Doubtless they stood seriously in need of them.

The succession of Major Moten to the head of Tuskegee is an exemplification of that beautiful sentiment of European royalty that the king cannot die. His successor was virtually selected by Dr. Washington, and who in a manner immediately succeeded him, the interim being merely a matter of form. The sentiment is, "The King is dead. The King cannot die. Long live the King!"

David D. Jones, of St. Louis, recently sent the following cheerful Y. M. C. A. news to Secretary Taylor of Indianapolis:

"Sixty-eight thousand dollars raised; five thousand dollars from a man and wife; three one thousand dollar subscriptions. St. Louis will join with you and other cities for the saving of the men and boys of the country. International Secretary Moreland is on the scene laboring as a Trojan as usual.

The New Year ushered in with its usual noises, and which to the thoughtful must have been still more productive of "pain" than ever before. "Peace on earth and good will to Men" is the general acclaim as the new year rises out of the ashes of the old. Some obliging poet has said that at the rising of the sun each day every soul is born again. Would it were true so far as it means the destruction of the old hurtful past. The poet was extremely fanciful. Most of us, however, try to banish the bad, ugly past with the old year, reborning ourselves by the spirit of resolve to walk in the newness of life. In our resolutions we would see the world at peace, as we feel to be at peace because of unassaulted conscience—the forefront of the newer day. But we do not find the world at peace. On the other hand it is as "demented" as Juliet—sweet bells jangled out of tune. Unless we are extremely selfish we can not help being effected by the world cataclysm now on, mocking the beautiful sentiment of "Peace on earth good will to Men." The rebirth of the tented fields is the universal prayer, the thought of which, war, war, war, saddens the human creation. Eat, drink and be merry, we are advised, for tomorrow we may die. We are not epicureans—the human family is not made up that way; it does not wish a skeleton at the feast. We will not be too merry amid a panorama of death lest we lose the tender touch of mercy, a ruling force of civilization. A fervent world prayer sent up for the good of the world this new year, was, perhaps, the most satisfactory thing that was done, having in mind, "Peace on earth good will to Men."

Those who have taken note of our exposition effort will observe that it took the nature of a series rather than one publication. While gratifying by the way of success, it was the unexpected. Our object was to prepare one great issue; but at the very last moment the response was so great that we found it necessary to prepare a second issue. It will be observed in this, the third publication, that there is yet considerable matter which was meant for the first issue. Some of our patrons have complained, and reasonably enough, because they did not appear in the first issue. But if they will study the three issues they can see that the success of the effort was beyond all calculations. We give in the three issues practically thirty pages of exposition matter, which considered either way—thirty pages, or a series of three publications—the greatest thing known in journalism by our people. We are thankful to colored and white people for this fine showing. The immediate management of the effort knows of nothing that has been so cheering as this success has been. It is enough to make one vain and overproud, especially if the heart is casted along the line. But it is not vain and overproud because the help came from the people, Indianapolis people, Kentucky people, Tennessee people, Illinois people, Ohio people. People from all parts were with us from New York to California. The South was with us—Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma. Perhaps we should not specialize as there was something from everywhere. We feel to say as a well known performer always says to her admirers: "God bless you, God bless you."

DISCORDANT NOTE.

In speaking of the comment of the race on the death of Dr. Booker T. Washington, the "Georgia Baptist" said among other things: "It was left to Dr. DuBois to sound the only discordant note." And this is true concerning what happened in print. We took notice of what DuBois said at the time but refused to give publicity to it, and hoped that it would be treated similarly by other race journals. Since that time what he said has become current. Not only did DuBois sound a discordant note, he had it appear, from his view-point, that Dr. Washington was unable to grasp the situation, virtually meaning that he was unprepared, educationally, or by nature, to see things in their right relation.

The charge is the very height of presumption, not only meaning that Dr. Washington did not have the necessary acumen, but that only a very few Negroes did, and that he was among the few. Perhaps DuBois did not mean it just that way, but what other view could the reader get? Here are his words in part:

"On the other hand, there can be no doubt of Mr. Washington's shortcomings. He never adequately grasped the growing bonds of politics and industry." . . . On the other hand, in stern justice, we must lay on the soul of this man a heavy responsibility for the consummation of Negro disfranchisement, the decline of the Negro college and public school and the firmer establishment of color caste in the land."

In the face of the great unanimity of opinions of Dr. Washington from all classes of men it sounds very bad to have this strange DuBois indictment. He may shield himself behind the well known thought that majorities are not always right. Majorities are generally right, and if it were different our civil existence would be a chaos. Dr. Washington was particularly right in his line of endeavor, answering the Utilitarian doctrine of the greatest good for the greatest numbers. Other doctrines have their place among us, and are not rightfully subjects for assault. Our scheme of life is a manifold thing, not hide-bound to a single idea. Well founded, well grounded institutions flourish; they are known when they appear among us. The success of Tuskegee is its best advocate.

It is an awful thing to charge any man with interrupting the development of a people. DuBois makes this charge, when in fact that very species of presumption has done the most at impeding our progress. He lives in the cloister of theories instead of in the open of practice. It has virtually become a truism, as it concerns our development, that the effort of enforced growth meets a stunning shock, an effectual set back, and which requires years for recovery. Experience has taught this; it is not of the hot house theories. Sure we are to fight if we would win. But the peculiar warfare has its peculiar methods. A few like DuBois tried to have it appear that Dr. Washington was opposed to higher education—the colleges. In his effort they knocked their own game, actually putting industrialism on the defensive, then had it appear that Tuskegee was making the attack. Wits, that should have been better employed, were busy in poisoning the minds of the young people, many of whom on that account have taken vows against working with the hands.

We are with DuBois as long as he promotes his own views of education without side-stepping to attack the views of other earnest, thoughtful men. It is not given him to sit in judgment as the court of the last resort as what is best for the race. Let him work in his circle of good; it does not need to intersect the circles of other men. The great civil law is good enough here: where the rights of one individual leave off those of another begin.

MAJOR MOTEN OF TUSKEGEE.

The trustees of Tuskegee Institute have seen fit to appoint Major Robert R. Moten to succeed the late Dr. Booker T. Washington as the principal of that school. The appointment was virtually made by Dr. Washington himself, when in his volume, "My Larger Education," he said

"Major Moton is one of the best read men and one of the most interesting men to talk with that I ever have met. Education has not spoiled him. It had not embittered or narrowed him in his affections. He has not learned to hate or distrust any class of people, and he is just as ready to assist and show kindness to a white man as to a black man, to a Southerner as to a Northerner.

"Major Moton knows by intuition Northern white people. At the Hampton Institute they have white teachers and colored teachers; they have Southern white people and Northern white people besides, they have colored students and Indian students. Major Moton knows how to keep his hands on all these different elements, to see to it that friction is kept down and that each works in harmony with the other. It is a difficult job, but Major Moton knows how to negotiate.

"It has been through contact with men like Major Moton—clean, wholesome, high-souled gentlemen under black skins—that I have received a kind of education no books could impart."

The trustees could not consistently pass up such a man. Major Moten in speaking of his selection said that he knew that he could not completely fill the position held by Dr. Washington, and that is true and also right that he should feel that way. It is humanly impossible to find any one individual that can thoroughly succeed the late principal. In fact, there will never be the necessity of such a man. Those institutions—the departments that make up Tuskegee were children of his fancy; more than that—practically of his blood and body. He labored for them with that peculiar zeal that the proper parent labors for his own; and which in the instance meant that further thing, his race. The great public to which he appealed had immediate faith in what he said and did, nor did it forsake him a single moment. There is no chance to repeat his life at Tuskegee.

Under Major Moten the work, we have ever reason to think, will go on. He is amply qualified, as shown by his success at Hampton, a similar school, and where there were greater reasons to be tactful and resourceful since the teaching body is of both races. Dr. Washington placed the stamp of approval on him, and he was not given to such lavish praise unless he meant it. Major Moten is known only by reputation at this time. But we are to have a large stock of faith in him, because it was so advised by the one who knew best.

Then again the speeches of the new principle ring true to the Tuskegee idea and which is, as much as anything else, to help pave the way to the best possible understanding between the races. He is qualified by way of education to entertain the larger view, to see things in their right relation, to strengthen movements of the right trend and to avoid the too antagonizing with their sharp angles of conflict.

Race publications have taken kindly to Major Moten's selection. A number of them have also referred to Emmett J. Scott, the only other person thought seriously of by the trustees in connection with the appointment, speaking of him as worthy to succeed Dr. Washington. This was very complimentary to the secretary, and which without doubt was due to his efficiency in the conduct of that office. To express it in a common way, Dr. Washington and Mr. Scott made a great team. We have no reason to suspect that the same may not be said of the present principal and the secretary. We hope them the greatest success; that Tuskegee will still maintain the high name educationally; that it will be no less a great civic center than it has been; that its influence will ramify our creation, whatsoever creation, bidding men to look and live as it were with the children of Biblical days.

BLUE GRASS CAPITAL.

Emancipation Celebration at the Auditorium—Union Yuletide Ball at Jackson Hall—Miss Linner Haggins Ball at the U. B. F. Hall.

(By Hardin Tolbert at People's Pharmacy, 118 North Broadway.)

Special to The Freeman:

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The Emancipation celebration was held at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. It was very nicely attended owing to the fact that the special committee did not notify the public until the latter part of the week. The Auditorium has a seating capacity of about five thousand, and the few there were conspicuous by their presence. Prof. J. B. Caulder, chairman of the Emancipation celebration, kept the matter well before the people so far as publicity was concerned, but a gross error was made by those who had charge of the place of holding the meeting, and at the eleventh hour selected a place where Kentucky's senior senator, Ollie M. James, scarcely filled the place, with a warm gubernational campaign facing the people. A few dodgers put into business houses for them to hand out, was something much regretted, and they should have had some responsible person to see that the dodgers were distributed. Perhaps, through their mistake, others will profit, we hope so. Col. R. C. Simmons, editor of the Louisville News, the brilliant young orator, delivered a keynote speech; it would have been a great treat to Lexington if there had been at least two hundred to have heard it. It is hoped that the people of Lexington will have a return engagement of Col. Simmons, to deliver his master address before the people of the Blue Grass regions. While in the city he was highly entertained at Prof. J. B. Caulder's cosy residence in the real old Kentucky style, that kind of hospitality that expresses at all times welcome. There seems to be a little "gum-shoe" dissention among some of those who were on the stage and were not mentioned in the daily paper. An error on the part of the reporter, we presume.

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Union Yuletide Ball at Jackson Hall Thursday Night.

The eclipse of man moons reached its zenith in the social circle twenty-four hours before 1916. This was the elite's "social night of joy" and friends from the subordinate towns were present. The hall was artistically decorated in the bewitching yuletide style. Goodwin's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Grape juice was served, and after the pendulum had reached the midnight point, a lunch was served. By request of the committee the home people are not mentioned, and from the same request it was agreed not to mention their costumes, though they were beautifully gowned. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. Major Morton, Misses Lettie Todd and Katie Willis, and Mr. John Wales, of Frankfort; Mr. Cato Fisher and Miss Matlin Tylor, of Mt. Sterling; Messrs. Henry Letton, David Johnson, Jessie Richard, Allen Richardson, Allen Lewis, Wallace Harris, Miss Alvine Johnson, Mesdams Mollie Corbin, Henry Logan, Littie Clay, and Mrs. William Johnson, of Paris; Mrs. Florence Johnson Bowman, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. M. C. Lillard, of New York; Mrs. Lovell Gains, of Midway; Mrs. W. C. Stafort, of Cincinnati, O.; Miss Allie Gaskins, of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Verman, of Denver, Col.; Mr. B. H. Scott, Lynchburg, W. Va.; Mr. Bush Hunter, Oberlin College; Kelley Robinson, Howard University. Mr. Luncian Johnson was the floor manager. Mr. George Slaughter served the punch.

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Miss Linner Haggins Gives Swell Ball at the U. B. F. Hall.

Miss Linner Haggins, popular among the social set, was the hostess of a swell ball at the U. B. F. Hall, Thursday night, the interior being beautifully decorated. Montague orchestra furnished the music. Prof. Henry Brown was the floor manager. The ladies presented many artistic gowns and the men wore English dress suits.

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Mr. B. W. P. Allen, Presents a "Perfect Man" at the Asberry M. E. Church.

Mr. Benjamin P. W. Allen, a student at Oberlin, O., College, presented a play entitled "A Perfect Man," at Asberry M. E. Church, Monday night to a crowded house, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Board. Mr. Bush Hunter, a home boy, and student at Oberlin college, sang a solo, accompanied by Mr. Kelly Robinson on the violin. Mr. Allen is the author of the play, which consisted of three acts. He is an impersonator and played the part of eight persons. He is able to make you laugh or make you cry at his command. He has a bright future before him as a great artist. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Allen, of this city, and is a credit to his parents and the race, as well as all those who took part.

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Social and Personal Calendar of the City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are on the sick list.

Mr. Major Morton and Miss Lettie Todd, of Frankfort, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Craig.

Miss Katie Willis is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Slaughters.

Mr. John Wales was the guest of Miss Ida Simpson and the writer.

Miss Leland W. Snowden, a student at the K. N. and I. I., was the guest of her parents.

Mr. Scott spent the yuletide with Mr. Hunter and was much elated with the Kentucky belles around the Blue Grass region. Mr. Scott's home is in West Virginia, but he is now convinced the Kentuckians have the "sweet plums." Every hospitality was shown him by Mr. Hunter and friends. Messrs. Scott and Hunter are students at Oberlin college.

Editor C. L. Timberlake, of the Frankfort Clarion, made a flying trip to the city.

The marriage of Mr. Moneta Sleet and Miss Bobbie Evans, which took place two years ago, has been announced. Good luck to them.

Prof. E. E. Reed, principal of the Bowling Green High School, and president of the Western Kentucky Normal school, was the guest of Editor C. L. Timberlake, at Frankfort.

Mr. McKinley Hocker, a popular young man, manager of Mr. George Washington's tailor shop, was united in bonds of matrimony to Miss Cora Bell Watkins, a popular young woman, at the bride's residence on Kenton street. Rev. J. J. McCrutchen officiated.

Mr. J. L. Foster, the wife of Rev. Foster, pastor of Phillips Chapel, C. M. E. church, is on the convalescing list.

Mr. Charles Maker, a resident of Ellson avenue, dropped dead.

Mr. William Lewis, a prominent grocery keeper, died in Forest Hill.

Porter and Jackson, undertakers, got out the most unique calendars of any of the colored business men in the city.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Business League to Make Protest—Other Twin City Notes.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

Special to The Freeman:

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Business League No. 287, local branch of the National Negro Business League, met in regular session Sunday afternoon, at which time C. E. Phillips, W. L. Davis, Z. L. Breedlove, and P. J. Carey were appointed as a committee to hold a private audience with Mayor O. L. Browder, of Urbana. The committee will protest the moving picture film entitled "The Birth of a Nation," which is to appear at Illinois Theater in Urbana January, 14, 15 and 16, a plot woven around prejudice and hatred toward the Negro.

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Brewer's Band gave a banquet at the "Palace of Sweets," 71 East Main street, December 28. Most of the members were present. The principal speakers were C. E. Phillips, business manager; Rev. S. W. Batchelor and Rev. E. G. Jackson. Mr. R. M. Scott, presided.

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The pastor and trustees of Bethel A. M. E. church were royally entertained on Monday evening by the trustee aid board to a four-course turkey banquet. A very enjoyable evening was spent. At the close the pastor was presented with a gift from the trustee aids by their president, Mrs. Miranda Breckenridge.

Mrs. Gaynor Hawkins, of Washington, Ind., visited Mrs. E. W. Mann and Mrs. E. B. Dickerson at the residence, 51 1-2 N. Walnut street, during the holidays.

Mr. N. Chestnut and Mrs. Mary Fitzbutler Waring, of Chicago, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer, at their residence, 1202 West Main street, Urbana, during the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Hawkins and Mr. E. Hawkins, of Greigville, Ill., and Mrs. Maria Ray, of Danville, visited Mrs. L. H. Kirk recently.

Mr. Samuel Williams and Mr. John A. Williams, of Sherrill, Ark., are here visiting their brother, Marshall Williams.

Mr. E. B. Dickerson returned to Chicago after spending the holidays here with his wife, to resume his studies in law at the University of Chicago.

Miss Ora Thornhill, McLinn Ross, and Elsmere Marshall returned home Sunday after attending the house party given by Miss Eulalia Osby, in Springfield. Every one enjoyed themselves in the superlative degree.

Mrs. Nanora Hunt entertained Saturday in honor of Mrs. Gaynor Hawkins at her residence, 602 East White street.

Mrs. Belle Thompson died at the home of her son, Ed Hughes, 603 Grove street, on Saturday night. She was the widow of James Thompson, who died several years ago. Mrs. Thompson was born in Union county, Kentucky, on March 20, 1867. She leaves her mother, Mrs. D. Hopkins, of 702 North Poplar street, three sons: Ed Hughes, Neal Finney and Thomas Finney, all of this place, and six sisters and one brother: Mrs. P. J. Carey, Mrs. J. Tisdale, Mrs. G. W. Sampson, Mrs. S. Pickens, Mrs. Leo Hodges, Mrs. L. Jones and Sherman Hopkins, all of this place. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Monday at St. Luke's tabernacle. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. W. T. Whitsitt officiated.

A wise man pays homage to worth; a fool to wealth.

"Let us speak only of the good things we know of our fellowmen. Their faults will expose themselves without any help."

Side step the man who talks much and says little.

The Freeman or Chicago Defender should be in every Negro's home in this city. Have race pride and patronize your own papers as you do white papers.

The Pilgrim Sisters held a banquet at Carey's Hall January 1. Everyone enjoyed themselves nicely.

Mrs. Katie Vineagar, of St. Louis, and her two grandsons visited Mrs. Allie Johnson and relatives here recently.

Mrs. Thurley Means and her son and daughter, of Alton, Ill., visited Mrs. C. L. Hines last week.

Mrs. Katie Brown, who have been in Oklahoma about two years have returned and will soon open up a dress-making establishment in this city.

Breedlove's Consolidated News is now located at 908 North Champaign street.

Mrs. Oscar Yeates of Chraleston was in the city last week.

Miss Madline Calander, who is now teaching in Douglas public schools, Mounds, was in the city recently.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS, HAPPENINGS.

Emancipation Day Observed.

The Emancipation program which was rendered last Sunday at the Past Time Theater, under the management of the Business League, was a success. Prof. Martin, the orator of the occasion, delivered a well prepared address. He urged forcibly the necessity of our people co-operating. Short talks were made by a number of the ex-slaves which stirred the patriotism and race pride of all who heard them. Father Shepherd, who is in his 95th year, told very touchingly how the slaves were treated by their masters. This touched the hearts of all who heard it, and brought tears from many.

Dr. N. J. Atkinson, chairman of the Business League, invites all the citizens to visit the league Sunday at 3 p. m.

Mr. Tally Richardson and Miss Louise Moore were married during the holidays.

Mrs. Julia Williams was called to Dallas Sunday to see her daughter, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Alberta Ainsworth, of Gainesvill, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Ethel Brown, on East Morris street.

Miss M. White, of Terrell, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Willie White.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker spent last Wednesday in Dallas.

Mrs. Florence Chaney, of Mineral Wells, is visiting her mother.

Mr. H. R. Robertson, who has made good and is holding his own as an insurance man, wishes to thank his policy-holders for their promptness in paying their premiums for the month of December and is proud to say that he has no trouble in making his monthly and weekly collections. Some of the policy-holders have been carrying insurance with him for 13 years and he being their sole collector for that time. Mr. Robertson says that he is sure that he has some of the promptest people to deal with in Texas. Mr. Robertson extends to all his best wishes for a happy and prosperous year and begs to remains yours for the race and good insurance.

The Lee and Bailey Musical Comedy played a two nights' engagement at the Past Time theater last week with great success, playing each night to record-breaking crowds. The Lee and Bailey company is a strong company and delivers the goods in the real way. The success of this company is attributed largely to Ralph Redman and his band. J. W. Hamilton, a baritone singer and straight man and the Kentucky Troubadours also featured in the plays.

It is said by other great men that self-made men are the greatest success of our races and if this be true, when you have a sick horse or cow call Mt. McLamore, the veterinarian, a man who has come from the bottom and understands his business.

HUMBOLDT, TENN.

(By Eddie McCray.)

The school concert given in Mitchell Chapel was a grand success, both from an entertaining point of view and likewise financially. The mock wedding composed of boys only was humorous in the great degree. The cantata, "A Stocking for Santa Claus," was interesting and well rendered.

Miss Estiza Watson and Mrs. Estiza Watson, after spending their holidays in Nashville, their home, returned Monday morning.

Mr. Charley Stigall was the guest of his uncle, Prof. T. M. Stigall, on Thursday.

Miss Georgie Anthony, of Gallertin, Tenn., was the guest of Miss Annie B. Ragans during the holidays.

Mrs. Nannie E. Simmons gave a banquet on the evening of the 29th in honor of Miss Georgia Anthony, Miss Underwood, Miss Minnie Jackson, Miss Orrie Stram, of Memphis, Tenn., and several other friends visiting during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Porter was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. J. Simmons, Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Hall spread some dinner for Prof. R. J. Simmons' family and guest on the 28th. Gee, some chicken dressing went to each dish that was stuff. Mrs. Hall is some cook. When passing through Humboldt ask for one meal.

Miss Minnie Williams and Mrs. Willie Seward spent Sunday in Trenton.

Little Pearlie Mae Harmon is visiting in Jackson.

Mrs. Ella Underwood, of Memphis, visiting Mrs. Henry Ragans, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Florence Mitchell Cole is in the city.

Miss Carrie Rufus left for Paducah, Ky.

Ophelia Cunningham, of Milar, was the guest of Miss Ruth Hunt Sunday.

Mrs. Georgia Fulpher, of Milar, was the guest of her brother Ren Adams.

Miss Flossie Hall and Maud Webb spent Sunday in Bells.

Mrs. Estell Moody spent Sunday in Bels.

Mrs. Nell Blakemore, of Hopkinsville, Ky., spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. E. D. McCray; also, Mrs. Alma Outlaw, of Brownsville, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. E. D. McCray took dinner with Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis, of Gibson, Tenn., Wednesday.

Mr. James Campbell and his two daughters, Mrs. Marth Hall and Effie Campbell, was called to Brownsville to attend the funeral of his stepfather, Mrs. Lark Carpten, Tuesday.

Mr. Arthur Simmons has returned home from Robinson's Old Kentucky Minstrel to spend a week at home with his wife.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

J. H. Johnson is still confined to his home.

Logan Lodge No. 4, K. of P., will meet in regular session Thursday evening, January 13.

The annual party of Buckeye Lodge No. 73, B. P. O. E., will be held Tuesday evening, March 7, in Excelsior parlors. Boyle's orchestra will furnish the music. Invitations will be out February 1, 1916.

Mrs. Walter Hill, of 317 Pike street, entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Miss Helen J. Carter, of Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Lucretia Mockins, of Duluth, Minn., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. George Redout, of Belmont avenue.

Mrs. Anna Belle Mason, 114 Garlick street, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Castle, in Toledo, O.

Robert Moulton left for Chicago, Ill., Sunday.

Bert Earens is able to be out after a short illness.

Willis Collins is on the police force in Lowellville, O.

Mrs. William Milton, of Prospect street, is on the sick list.

Miss Edna Newman spent a few days here on her way home after her visit in Jamestown, N. Y., and other eastern cities.

Mr. Oscar Graves is home after a three weeks' visit with relatives in Virginia.

NEWS OF MAYFIELD, KY.

(Luray Mae Galbreath.)

St. James A. M. E. church is both spiritually and financially alive. Rev. A. W. Jackson, pastor. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox and Mr. Henry Leonard are new additions to the church.

Misses Mayme Taylor and Elizabetk Kelly have returned to Fisk College at Nashville, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. John Crabtree of Metropolis, Ill., spent the holidays in this city.

Miss Lula Slayden is on the sick list.

The death of Mrs. Laura Brighton was a shock to the city, as she had been sick only a few days with pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted at the A. M. E. church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. A. W. Jackson.

Mrs. Jewell Parchment entertained a few friends at home Friday evening with a slumber party. Those preesnt were Misses Dora and Sadie Beadles, Etta and Roxie Vance, Blanch Bailey of Paducah, Minima Aker, Aline Hamilton, Messrs. Milton Moore, Otto Beadles, Jewell Parchment and Tom Duffy.

The Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. A. G. Taylor Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie Biggers is very sick at her home on North Eighth street.

Mr. Horace Street has returned home from St. Louis, Chicago, New York and other points.

Miss Meta Boyd has returned home after a visit in Paris, Tenn.

The dance given at Bomore hall on Monday night was a grand success. Piano music was furnished by Miss Sadie Beadles.

Mrs. N. L. Prichard has returned from a visit in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Augusta Moss confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Rev. McFarland, pastor of Fairview Baptist church, is a new reader of The Freeman.

Ring old phone 325 and have your news published in The Freeman. Sent off every Tuesday in each week.

Madame Gunn, the hair and scalp culturist of Paducah, is in the city and ready to attend her customers. She can be found at Mrs. Mary Orr's, on South street.

The song hit entitled "My Fame," composed by Miss Sadie Beadles, will be out in a few days.

Mr. A. Hale, teacher in the public school of this city, was given a surprise by his scholars.

Read The Freeman. Have race pride.

Miss Mary Jones of Fulton visited friends here Christmas.

Everybody's news is published in The Freeman if you will notify the agents on Monday.

Miss Blanch Bailey is visiting in Paducah.

Rev. A. W. Jackson, pastor of the A. M. E. church, spent the holidays in Louisville, Cincinnati and other points.

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Mr. Scott Prichard is confined to his bed with la grippe.

Mrs. Ethel Waterfield, who spent Christmas visiting friends in Pryor's Chapel, has returned home.

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MIDDLETOWN, O., NEWS.

Mr. Clarke Hampton, the colored artist of Middletown, is making himself noted among the white people of this city. He has just finished a life-sized painting of the "Modern Madonna," for Dr. Krauss. Mr. Hampton has also a life-size portrait of Mr. John Martin, one of Middletown's leading merchants.

Mrs. Elmer Gates and Mrs. Fanny Thompson have returned home after a pleasant visit with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. E. M. Banks had Miss Gardner visiting her the past week.

Mrs. Smith is sick, but is some better now, and her friends wish her success in her recovery.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler gave them a surprise party last week.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Reed was robbed December 28 and many valuables were taken.

Mrs. Tillie Canner spent part of last week with friends in Springfield.

Mrs. Albert Moore entertained the Ladies' Embroidery Club Friday.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On January 1, 1916, the Emancipation celebration was held at the Shiloh Baptist church. The parade was headed by Prof. Godfrey's brass band of 18 pieces. At 2 p. m. the parade started from Buggs Drug Store up Glocester street to Norwich, then G street to Newcastle street to Egmont. At the church Mr. B. J. Davis, of Atlanta, was speaker of the day. Mr. Davis' speech was one of the best that was every heard. About five or six thousand colored people attended. After the ceremony Prof. Godfrey headed his band for town, where he gave a grand concert on Newcastle street. Let us hope for a good band like that in our city for all time.

Mrs. Joseph Frazer and Mrs. Reno Lampkin were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Friday night, the last night of the old year, at her residence, 921 Gordon street, by her pastor, Rev. Martin.

Prof. Simmons, Mr. Wollburg and Mr. Jacob Ward are certainly enjoying their short stay at home. We only with they could stay always.

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NEW YEAR STARTS OFF WITH FINE FEATURES OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

Splendid Program at the Douglass Theater.

(L. M. Mound, Pianist.)

MACON, GA.—Allen and Morton are playing this house and are considered to be the best male act that has come this way for a long time.

Miss Eleanor Wilson is doing fine.

We have this week another clever single, Miss Josephine Tobias, who has just finished three successful weeks at the Royal theater, with a return date in the near future. Miss Tobias is using "In the Garden of the Gods," a medley consisting of "Tulip Time in Holland," "When I Was a Dreamer" and "There's a Little Light Burning." She closes with "Isle de Amour."

In Photoplays.

Serials—"Broken Coin," "Neal of the Navy," "Diamond from the Sky."

Specials—"When Avarice Rules," a two-reel drama, in which are shown the famous Bostock animals.

Tuesday, Forrest Taylor will be seen in "The Trail of the Serpent"; a Falstaff production, "Clarrissa's Charming Calf," featuring Arthur Cunningham.

Wednesday, "The Smugglers' Cave," "The Fisher Women,," "Twin Brides."

Thursday, American production of "Alice of Hudson Bay," featuring Winifred Greenwood. "Billy Van Dusen's Campaign."

Friday, "The Little Captain," a good two-reel subject.

Saturday, "Father and Son," in three reels.

Space will not permit mention of each subject. There are merely a few. It is the motto of the Douglass theater to give its patrons good, wholesome photoplays and the best actors and actresses in the profession. A Happy New Year to all.

NOTES OF SILAS GREEN CO.

Prof. Eph Williams is the proprietor and manager; Mrs. Rhoda Williams, secretary-treasurer; R. C. Puggsley, business manager; W. Jeff Kennedy, transportation master and stage manager; E. W. Blake, bandmaster.

The company is now enroute in Alabama for a few more days; then we go in the warm state of Florida.

Mr. Leroy Knox, doing the leading role as Silas Green, is still a scream, always keeping the audience in an uproar of laughter, with Jeff Kennedy doing principal straight, and Miss Alice Ramsey as leading lady, assisted by such worthy performers as Miss Ada Lockhart, Mildred Pelabone, Wilnet Freeman, Iris Boyer, Ford Wiggins, Clifton Boyer, Frank Smeadley and Emmet Anthony.

The olio consists of the following numbers: Miss Ada Lockhart opens singing the St. Louis Blues and is quite a hit, as she features them in a way of her own that never fails to please. Mr. Frank Smeadley follows singing "Any Old Port in a Storm," which he renders excellently, and he always gets his share of applause. Then comes Ford Wiggins, the great sensasational buck and wing dancer, doing a dancing act that is a scream. Then the great Boyers, Clifton and Iris, contortionists and acrobats, in an act that holds the audience spellbound, doing acrobatic stunts that are amazing, making front and back bends, also twists that seem impossible, featuring an act that is in a class by itself. Miss Alice Ramsey follows singing two beautiful numbers and always gets her share of applause. The olio is closed by Emmet Anthony with a monologue that is a scream and takes two and three every night with his yodle song.

The band, under the leadership of E. W. Blake, gains great favor from the public daily with the noonday concert, playing a fine repertoire of standard music, and consists of the following: E. W. Blake, Bert Deleo and L. Booker, cornets; Jerry Martin, T. Williams, trombones; W. Jeff Kennedy, alto; Frank Hopkins, baritone; William Blake, tuba; Ford Wiggins and W. Hoyt, drums.

Mr. E. B. Clayton has charge of the top and Joe Helm is in charge of the lights. The entire company sends regards to all friends.

NOTES OF WARREN, ARK.

(By Eddie Jordan.)

Mrs. Frances Jones is back at home from St. Louis, where she underwent a serious operation, and wants to be remembered to friends. She is doing well.

Ellen (Sis) Freeman gave a family dinner New Year's day. She served five courses. Her three younger sisters were present.

The Titanic cafe closed on the first and made quite a change in that block as far as business was concerned. Miss Caroline has opened up the Arrow House in the next block. Rosie Caroline Nice has returned from a visit to Wilmer. She sends regards to friends in Chicago.

NEWS OF BULL CITY, DURHAM, N. C.

(By Claiborne White.)

Mr. Freddy Pratt spend Sunday in Durham en route out West to join a minstrel company. Walker & Walker, comedians, would like to hear from some good show. Address us at Smith Hotel, Durham, N. C. Miss Katie Hudson would like to hear from Will Carr, late of Florida Blossom Co. The Freeman is now in Durham, N. C., at 118 Cora street. Claiborne White would like to know Mamie Vaughan's address. Jack Wiggins, write to Claiborne; he will book your act.

"Rex," the much loved pet dog of Dad Howard, was killed Sunday, January 2, by an auto at Tulsa, Okla. Rex was known by almost every performer in the profession and loved by all. He was 12 years and 2 months old when he was killed, and was buried from H. W. Ragsdale's undertaking establishment, of 116 North Greenwood avenue, Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Howard almost lost her mind when she got the news of the dog's death. She raised Rex from a puppy five weeks old.

MURPHY AND ROUX ON EVEN TERMS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Earl Murphy, of St. Louis, and Kid Roux, of Memphis, fought eight rounds to a draw at the Phoenix A. C. Club, the other night. Murphy showed his admirers he was a clean sportsmanlike boxer. He never stalled one second. Murphy will draw in any club in the country. He made many friends while in Memphis. Murphy is a full-fledged lightweight and Roux is in the welter division. Murphy's experience made Roux look like he was taking his first lesson in the game of science. Roux has torn down his prestige, which was built by him in his former days. He was continually hissed for his foul tactics and never showed any desire to box at all, and when he wasn't covered up he was running, while Murphy was working hard trying to get his terrible right or left connected to bring the bacon home.

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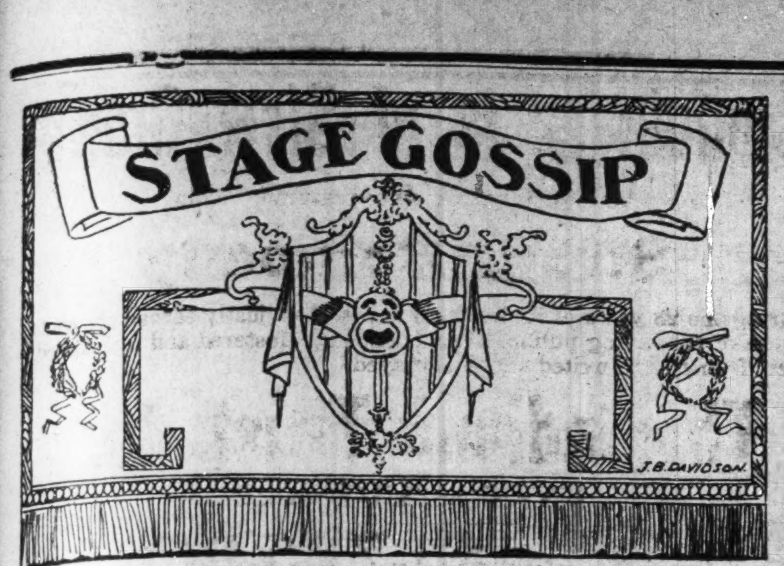

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So fellows, learn to do as they—
And be Damon and Pythias every day.
By AMON DAVIS,
Of Kelly & Davis.

STAGE NOTES.

Davis and Elmire still in vaudeville; this week at the Metropolitan, Memphis, Tenn.

Prof. R. J. Simmons. All mail will reach him at 315 Mitchell street, Humboldt, Tenn.

Kelley and Davis' new play has a very happy title, "Who Went Home With Ruth?"

Thanks, Sandy and Gretchen Burns—I passed 'em in the office. Success to the Black Cat.

J. H. Wickliffe's Ginger Band of Chicago at Schlitz's Palm Garden, Milwaukee, Wis., indefinitely.

Theresa Burroughs is in Cincinnati. Marie Antoinette is a fitting name for that dainty appareled creature.

This column got a little out of gear during the Exposition run. Al right now for business. Send in your notes.

Kelley and Davis, Al and Cora Boyd, are in Indianapolis this week at the Columbia theater, Jimmie Nick, proprietor.

Where are Florence McClain, Susie Sutton, Frank Montgomery, Eddie Stafford, Eloise Johnson, Billy Young, Chicken Reel Beaman and the rest of them?

Florence Hughes, with the Sinners company at the Murat theater, Indianapolis, this week. Miss Hughes dropped in on The Freeman for a few minutes.

Mack and Mack (Billy and Mary), just finished one week of real sucess at the Lincoln theater, New York city. Will be in New Orleans, La., for the Mardi Gras.

The original Jack Ginger Wiggins and Gonzell White have joined hands in partnership. Lyric theater, Wilmington, N. C., this week. Hello, Joe Taylor and Arthur Allen.

The Washington theater, Indianapolis, formerly the Crown Garden, did a thriving business Monday night when the pictures of Dr. Booker T. Washington's funeral at Tuskegee were shown.

Alonzo Williams and wife, having spent the holidays with relatives and friends, have had the time of their lives. Regards to all of Busby's bunch. How is Sug Hulett. Write us, 328 Darnell street, Indianapolis, Ind.

A. J. McFarland, the silver-voiced tenor and interlocutor of Alabama Minstrels, is now at home visiting relatives, and sends best wishes to all friends and a Happy New Year. All mail will reach him at 418 East Grand avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.

Seymour and Mary James send regards to all friends and hope they had a Merry Christmas and that they will enjoy a prosperous New Year. Still with the Black Troubadours. Al and Cora Boyd, hello. Hope you luck. Also the old reliable Freeman.

The Whitmans are in town—Indianapolis—making good. Mabel is still in the East. Saw little Alice capering on the stage at the Columbia theater New Year's night. When the bells and whistles struck up their midnight tune the poor little thing fell to her knees—in prayer. Coleridge in one of his poems said that God was on the sea as well as on the land. He seemed to be in the playhouse that night. Her sisters, Essie and Alberta, also went down before their consciences and took the count like pugilists.

The J. H. Campbell and Leeman Smith Stock Company, now playing at the Lincoln theater, East End, Pittsburgh, Pa., was entertained at a New Year's reception given by Mr. E. E. Taylor and Tom Wilson. Everything in the way of refreshments were served. The company was met at the theater with an automobile and taken to Mr. Taylor's residence, where five hours of real pleasure was indulged in. Members of the company, Miss Maggie Dixon, Mrs. Mays, Mrs. Mayfield, Miss Nelson, Lawrence Smith, Ed Smith, John Brightwell, James Alston and Chief Rainbow.

NOTES FROM DIXIE COMEDY 4.

This is our tenth week for A. V. Smith Detroit Vaudeville Exchange. We have played many return dates, so we must be doing some good. How about it? We are called four grand old men, Chas. Cornelious, H. Lashe, Lew Francis and Eugene Johnson. We sing a while, dance a while, talk a while and work all the while. Nuf sed.

H. LASHE, Manager,
Dixie Comedy Four,
326 Hastings St., Detroit, Mich.

KELLEY & DAVIS BANQUETTED AT CAIRO, ILL.

Drake & Walker Playing to Big Business.

Kelly & Davis were banqueted by A. Baltimore of Cairo, Ill., at his home. Mr. Baltimore is rated as one of the richest Negroes of the state. The banquet was opened by the Lord's Prayer by the kind reverend on hand. Then to the dinner, served in five courses, finishing with black coffee and cognac brandy with the match applied—after which the party was shown the city in all its glory by auto. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Martin were present, and said, "Boys, please stay and spend Christmas with us." Baltimore said, "No, spend it with me." So, to make everything agreeable, we will spend it with both parties at the reverend's home. After the party had agreed to adjourn Kelly & Davis had to say their customary farewell (God Bless You All). Mr. Aubrey Engs of Cairo was toastmaster.

Drake-Walker Company is in town playing to big business at Hughes' theater. All send regards to old Brother Woodie.

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Billy McClain and wife Cordelia wish to thank their many friends for the attention shown them owing to the recent loss of their mothers, both having died within a period of sixteen hours. They appreciate the many letters of condolence and sympathy sent them. They were agreeably surprised to know that they lingered lovingly in the memory of so many acquaintances. When at home they are at Tulsa, Okla., where they will be in a few days. At present they are in this city—Indianapolis—where their parents lived. They can be reached at 122 Greenwood avenue. McClain would like to hear from Dora Dean, who is said to be in a sanitarium in New York.

NOTES FROM J. C. ROCKWELL S. S. COMPANY.

(By Lawrence Glover.)

This weeks sees us in parts of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. All the company is well. Business is fair, but the weather bad. The bunch sends regards to the profession. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rockwell are two of our most enthusiastic Freeman readers.

HARRY YOUNG'S BLACK TROUBADOURS.

(By Clever Seymour.)

At this writing we are still at Helena, Ark., where business is overflowing. Mr. Al Boyd and wife left us and went to Indianapolis. We hope them a prosperous New Year. Mr. Charles English also closed here. Mr. Zollie Ford is stage director. Mr. Ford knows his business as a producer. Mrs. Jennie Ford is a pleasing soubrette that always gets hers. Austin and Austin (Slim Jim and Elnora) is here. Slim and wife do a nice musical turn. She is a nice worker, and he is there with "the slip trombone." T. H. Jones is doing the middle. Chub Hawkin is playing piano with success and is a swell musician. Alex Dukes is at the drum. Mr. Forest, the cornetist, joined us at Helena, and is some cornetist. Seymour and Mary James are here and are always pleasing with singing talking and more dancing. Mr. Young is still wearing the smile that won't come off. Ford and Ford, Austin and Austin, T. H. Jones, Chub Hawkins, Seymour and Mary James, and Alex Dukes are the ones that are pleasing with the Troubadours.

BESSEMER, ALA.

The Dixie Theater has had a varied career for the past five years, or, in fact, ever since it was built. It has changed hands many times and as a business proposition has not been a great success. Six weeks ago it was bought by Messrs Arnold and Dunker, who, after spending over $400 in cleaning, remodeling and enlarging, have made it one of the prettiest and most comfortable colored theaters in the entire South. Mr. Arnold is an experienced manager, and Mr. Dunker is a retired merchant who was looking for a good investment, and evidently has found it, as the business at the Dixie has increased every week since it has been under their management. The week just closed, between Christmas and New Years, which, as a rule, is a bad week in the show business, established a new record for attendance, and credit is given the unusual good acts that played the house that week. Miles, the contortionist; Bailey and Bailey; Annie St. Claire, and the Two Pattersons, in addition to this, four reels of good pictures are shown, which is a good show for 10 cents, and it is evident that the patrons of the Dixie appreciate the efforts of the new managers, as the theater was more than filled every night. Good acts coming south would do well to write to the Dixie for time. Bessemer is a suburb of Birmingham and good acts can get from six to eight weeks in this territory with very short jumps.

BURNS & BURNS, SANDY AND GRETCHEN,

In their Great Black-face Act.

The Black Cat topped the show at Howard theater, Washington, D. C., Christmas week, after breaking the record at the New Lincoln theater, New York city, by being held over the second week. They opened Monday at the Hippodrome theater, Richmond, Va., and the "cat" scored again. Danville and Roanoke followed, then back to the Howard again. They send best regards to Bill King's company and all friends.

ALEX TOLLIVER'S BIG SHOW.

(Al Wells.)

After ten successful months under canvass the big show opened a two weeks' engagement in the Temple Theater in New Orleans, Saturday, January 1, to the biggest crowd this theater has played to for many years. At 7:30 o'clock the S. R. O. sign was out and we had to turn many away. The management of the house said it was the best show to play this house for a long time and Mr. Tolliver gave the people here just what they wanted. The musical numbers were very funny, as well as being classic and up-to-date and well appreciated. The olio, which consisted of such well-known performers as Ramsey and Brown, Arthur Williams, Eddie Lightfoot, better known as Peg and Joddie Edwards, Leggs and McGinty, Cleo Poteet, Madam Tolliver, our prima donna, the two Raineys, Mrs. Alice Gaines, The Lewis Bros., Aaron Tolliver and those three novelty acts, the Gainer Bros., the Woodens & Wells and Wells. These novelties do seven different acts. Mr. Tolliver put the show in the theater for a couple of weeks and in the meantime he is getting his big show, the circus and musical extravaganza, ready. He will go into rehearsal in a few weeks. All are well and enjoying themselves in this good summer-time weather here. Miss Susie Cooksie says hello Freddie Pratt, how did you enjoy yourself Christmas? C. H. Coffey will be with us next week and sends regards to all friends. Wells & Wells sends regards to Kenner & Williams, Tolliver & Chappelle. Walton Duo, why don't you write. Hello Bert Murphy and Tony Langston. Address all mail as follows: Tolliver's Big Show, Box 508, New Orleans, La.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell

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THE SMART SET COMPANY CLOSES AT THE GRAND TO CAPACITY BUSINESS.

Technical Criticism and Comment—An Early Return Is Expected.

Crowded houses at every performance, standing line-up and people turned away who could not get seats was the continuous verdict of the Smart Set record of last week and it is expected that an early return will be arranged for this company in order to supply the demand of the public and especially those who were not able to see the attraction. The present company as it stands is a far better one than people think who are not judges, and in its present form could well attract in any theater in America and tie with Ziegfeld's Follies and Salam Tutt Whitney could easily tie with Bert Williams as a lone star in comedy work, endowed as he is, with a little more brains on the side. And critics should worry about what the gabbies say. Critics who hold the center of the spot in newspapers are recognized as the knowing ones, who live on the curdling blood of public demand.

I was told by Mr. Whitney, at a rush supper last Sunday night, that he has new ideas for a finer show next season. The problem of cutting a good big show is another vexation and while it worked well, will necessitate liveliness and cutting of encores, if the nervous public must have a big show in two hours, so as to hurry out to cafes and other places to spend the money they would not pay for what a whole evening's performance is worth. If Whitney were not in blackface it would be hard to pick out the star; he is almost perfect with but two exceptions: His comedy lines are not so effective if expedient, they belong to the slothfulness of drollery, and his comedy antics in acting were only realistic in the flirtation scene with the princess, and in his oration of bravery imparted to her. J. Homer Tutt, handsomer than the late George Walker, with teeth of pearl, was the image of his predecessor, and Blanche Thompson, his wife, whom I spoke of as a vocal treasury with a face of sunshine, and eyes like Aida Walker, will some day find a place in the supremacy of art, that Overton art which had technical schooling, so many moons before her. Luke Scott is like actors who could play many parts, of whom Shakespeare conceived the "Seven Ages." Ethelyn Proctor Scott, whose name I have now lengthened out, had fear that I would overlook that she had bare feet in the Dance of Death, but I had raved over her beauty and then was obliged to tell her not to color her rosy cheeks too thickly, but her eyes could be heavily penciled to offset her Grecian nose. Will Dixon made a good impression in the work of the villian and Frank Jackson, who is a good baritone-tenor, sang his tornado song in good style, but without a frown to intensify the situation. Sam Gardner, the old man, and in the Rajah's scene, was well up in the part, and Julian Costello twitched too affeminately in the full-dress scene. Little Hattie Akers was taken ill last Saturday evening, and although Ora Dunlap was substituted, no one can take her place, so at the Sunday matinee Mr. Whitney made a neat speech of apology, and also thanked the public for their appreciation, which was applauded. Young Elwood Brown, a chorus singer, was out of the cast last Friday night with a bad cold, but returned to his post on New Year's Day. The ensemble in this show, I notice, on an average, are quite as good as any ever arranged. And the orchestra, under James Vaughn's leadership, was perfection. The Smart Set, which is Mr. Barton's New York enterprise, speaks well for the future in the big field. He has all that is to be desired in Mr. Whitney, who has made all things possible for managers who represent him, actors who must look to him and appreciate his value and other subordinates in the combination, and it will be the duty of Mr. Barton to be able to secure such openings as are worthy of his organization. J. Martin Frees, manager with the company, has much improved personally since his last visit to Chicago, and it is believed that his cordial alliance with the nice class of performers Mr. Whitney has in his company will further benefit his cause. Manager W. Athow Johnston, of the Grand, must be thanked and congratulated for having changed the policy of this theater to suit the demand and the desire of the people who support him.

The Grand Returns to Vaudeville.

Although white people were nearly crowded out of the Grand during the Smart Set engagement, they returned again to greet the white and colored artists which Booking Manager Lew Cantor had provided for a mixed audience. "Camille's Dogs," who opened in a merry-go-round, were the positive attraction of the bill. The stunts of a black and tan dog and the revolving legume were strong features. The Ishikawa Japs were superior athletes and balancers. Paris Green was a good monologue artist in spots who showed eccentricity in his name and dress. His war finale is no essential to this era even if it pleased. The colored acts were Eight Black Dots, and Adah Banks. After an introduction song Miss Banks carried us into her time-worn Pekin success at the piano, and then we had a song "It Takes a Brown-Skin Man to Bring Peace to Your Soul," which would have attracted at the Monogram, where they remember why Jack Johnson's white wife committed suicide. The "Eight Black Dots" gave a song sheet offering and a miscellaneous musing. Sam Davis, who shot a joke or two on the end among the unknowns, should have been seen in the spotlight. The Cherry Sisters came Thursday for the remainder of the week.

Program of the Movies.

States Theater—The sins of the fathers is the theme in "Damaged Goods," which will be seen as a specialty Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 8, 9 and 10.

Atlas Theater—"Regeneration," Saturday, January 8th, and "Evidence," Sunday, January 9, are offered at this house.

The Phoenix—This popular classy little house offers "The White Scar," Saturday 8th, and Theda Bara in "Sin" (no children). "The Girl in the Game" is a serial that will run on Mondays.

The Washington—"Graft" and "A Question of Right or Wrong," January 8th, and "The Heart of a Tigress," an animal story and "The Hand of the Law," January 8th, and matinee.

The picture houses represented in this column can be depended upon as the real thing. The Unique Film Company has received many letters of commendation. They will soon give out a new announcement.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

The Freeman Exposition issue easily surpassed all others especially in size, literary merit and pictorial illustrations.

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Harry Julius Glenn was here last week with Gus Hills' "Polly and Her Pals" company at the Imperial, four weeks in all in Chicago.

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From all accounts the bald headed advertising agents of The Freeman all make good, and people who do business with them get their money's worth.

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Robert Branner has returned from his home in Knoxville, Tenn., and other points of the south where he visited during the holidays.

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On the last day of December Yvette Guilbert wrote of war: "It is the failure of man, the proven failure of his civilization, the frank avowal that his poor instincts have remained in their brutal primitive condition," and she said something.

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Sidney L. Perrin and Goldie Crosby gave a nice show with their Bon Bon Girls last week. Little Jeff Jeffries, the comedian, did good work. The song numbers introduced George Cooper, Jr., a son of the actor, who made a good impression.

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The Amsterdam News Christmas number made a good showing. Anita Bush, a new dramatic star, with Charles Gilpin as leading man, were nicely illustrated. Charlotte Freeman, Andrew Bishop and "Dooley" Wilson are with the company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O. William gave a very informal duck supper with wine eggnog and all the delicacies of the season to Salem Tutt Whitney, exclusive guest of honor. Only the family, Sylvester Russell and Mrs. Williams' sister, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were present. Mr. Williams was formerly known as Billy Williams, the Frog Man, now retired from the stage and a mechanic chauffeur.

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When S. W. Winfrey's big new touring car made its appearance on State street, he was given the honor to carry Salem Tutt Whitney to the Williams residence, 3800 Rhodes avenue, and make time to a midnight duck supper. When Winfrey cranked up there was no gasoline and Whitney and Russell were left sitting in the car at the Grand theater. Mr. Whitney, alone, sat contented until another car was phoned.

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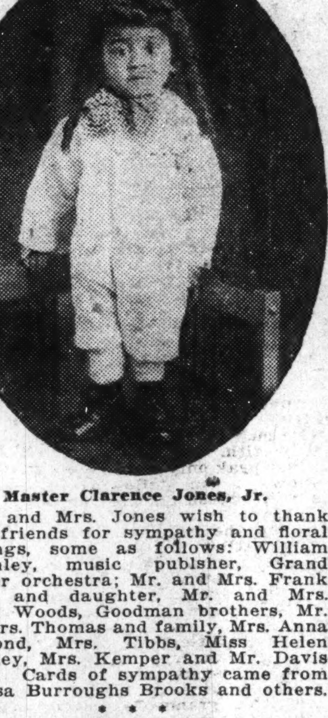
Clarence Jones, Jr., second and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones, aged 3 years and eight months, died Dec. 26th. He was a very bright little boy and a great loss to his parents and friends. The funeral took place from their home in the Mecca Flats. Rev. Thomas officiated.



Master Clarence Jones, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones wish to thank their friends for sympathy and floral offerings, some as follows: William McKinley, music publisher, Grand theater orchestra; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, Goodman brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and family, Mrs. Anna Desmond, Mrs. Tibbs, Miss Helen Woodley, Mrs. Kemper and Mr. Davis Lewis. Cards of sympathy came from Thressa Burroughs Brooks and others.

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George McClain, of the Smart Set company, also Billy McClain and wife, of Oklahoma, were called to Indianapolis, Ind., to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Maggie McClain, who died Dec. 21st, 1915, at 1414 Newman street. The funeral took place at the Baptist church.

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The cabarets and business places on the stroll have had no reason to complain in spite of the depression of foreign war and political harangue at home. Among the very finest cabaret, cafe and buffet buildings in Chicago run by a colored man exclusively is Teenan Jones' new place at 3445 State street.

Teenan Jones' Place.

Mr. Jones has entrusted his cabaret and musical department to his popular young manager, Edgar Lillison, and with his aid and the popularity of the night book which is given away, a large audience is on hand continually.

EDGAR LILLISON,
Teenan Jones' Cabaret Manager.

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The Panama is having good crowds and their excellent orchestra and entertainers captivate. The Ranier, at Bowman's old place, is doing nicely under the new popular management.

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J. W. Fowler is now back among his many friends at the "Stop Off," J. A. Barber's Buffet, 17 East 35th street.

THE NEW YEAR'S CALL.
(Ford's Welcome.)

We now observe our New Year's call,
Was quite enough for one and all;
We had to welcome Mr. Ford—
Who left his "Peace Party" abroad.

To sit right in his own doorway,
Is better far than in Norway;
And tho' he got sick, in that land,
His fame is paid for, as he planned.

The trenches were no jubilee,
So Ford came back across the sea,
To where his palace home awaits,
In these good grand United States.
—Sylvester Russell.

CINCINNATI NEWS BUREAU.

(By Col. Brown and Staff.)

At The Lincoln.

The night of December 31st this house gave a midnight matinee that was a success. It was played by the Price & Gales Company, seen here the first time. The notable features of this big company were the Brownshin Minstrel Boys, five in number, consisting of Robert Saunders, Sylvester Robinson, James Gillespie, Frank McMurray and Rufus Hayes. This number received an ovation and took many encores. They were followed by Blair Bros.' musical duo, who ran riot. Then came the musical farce opened by Kate Williams in a character that was done well with her pickaninnies, Virgil Cassidy and Chas. Henderson. They received heavy applause on their singing number. Mr. George Shelton, as a village officer, got all that was in the character and received a laugh from every effort. He is some comer. Buddy Saunders, with his new Remick edition with a chorus behind, added to the heavy hit power of this company, taking many encores. Then Miss Lula Wilson made her appeal for honors and received her share of encores. The comedians run through the show and brought laughs with every exertion, as only Price and Gales can. They work with an ease and precision that insured their sure five hits. Other members were Lillian Brown, Ethel Cornell, Miami White and Marguerite Ricks. The musical director, Eddie Anderson, was highly complimented, the entire show being a surprise, as they were all new faces to this audience. The act leaves January 10 to play for an eastern syndicate. We hope to get to see them again.

The Smith-Bright players opened Monday with a neat little drama that was appreciated. This one-act playlet was one of Marion Brook's compositions entitled "The Wayward Daughter." The spots were the real acting of Florence Sewell, who is positively great in her line and the clever juvenile work of Theressa Brooks, wife of the dead author. There is little to be said of Joe Bright, the well known elocutionist, in his imitation of white dramatic artists. He is good. We all know he pleased this audience, as he has many others, and Speedy Smith, the master comedian and constant companion of Bright, with little chances, kept the audience in a roar of laughter all the way. Gallie Gaston did the best he could with a misplaced character. The pastor was good, also the blacksmith's assistant. As a whole, this company was pleasing and will be appreciated here.

Tom Stirman signed up with the Ralph Dunbar enterprises. He will go to New York for rehearsal shortly. Mr. Dunbar gave much credit to Price & Gales for this addition to his aggregation. They also presented Johnny Garrett, of Columbus, Ohio.

Actors of reputation should handle their financial affairs with more care, as it lessens them as an attraction to have a flood of I. O. U.'s floating around the country hounding them and confusing managers.

We were glad to have Kelly & Davis and Charles Nickerson with us last week. "Old Nick" has really got a single. He topped the bill last week in his own act.

Mr. Ollie Dempsey is rapidly recovering his health. This is welcome news. According to the telephone inquiries received daily he has an abundance of friends.

Mr. Kid Ellis' flying visit to this city was on business of importance. He is the picture of health and prosperity.

Miss Ella Goodloe has moved to 515 Central avenue. Her apartments were swell on Sixth, but her new place surpasses it.

Bonnie and Semoura left for Pittsburgh Monday.

Ross & Taylor show with Nina Marshall are in Louisville this week.

LITTLEJOHN'S SHOW IN WINTER QUARTERS.

We closed a most successful season at Opp, Ala., and slipped at once to Andalusia, Ala., where we are making preparations for the opening of the big show on or about March 1. The shows are all to be repainted and in some instances new and larger tops are to be bought. A special top with two extra large middles and a new portable stage are now under construction for the Old Plantation Minstrels. Musicians, see our ad in The Freeman for musicians for a twenty-piece concert band. No canvas work, as has been reported that musicians had to do on this show. We will not carry an Italian band this season, which will make an opening for a goodly number of colored bandmen at a good salary and long season. Musicians, now get busy, as this is a rare opportunity. A colored band with a real carnival playing week stands. Watch this paper and see what we are doing. It will pay all musicians that wish to book with us to correspond with Mr. T. P. Littlejohn, Andalusia, Ala., or Silas C. Elliott, care of The Freeman.

CULLEN'S SHOW DESTROYED.

Will Devote Time to "South Before The War."

Special to The Freeman:

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—Mgr. John B. Cullen, who's entire show was destroyed in the Con T. Kennedy wreck near Columbus, Ga., is now at Hattiesburg, Miss., where he has secured suitable quarters for the rebuilding of his attraction, "South Before the War." The show when it takes the road early in the spring will be complete in every detail and nothing will be left undone to make it the grandest, best, and most complete equipped colored attraction under canvass. Mr. Cullen is no longer connected in any capacity with Colored Aristocracy Minstrels and wishes to inform the colored profession that he disposed of all interest, title, etc., to Mr. C. W. Haning, and that he will devote his entire time and attention in the future on "South Before the War." only. I had the pleasure of paying Prof. Eph. Williams a visit while at Gulfport, and to say I was entertained to the highest degree would be putting it mild. I have witnessed the Silas Green show on several occasions, but the performance this year in my estimation, surpasses any that the Prof. has ever presented to the public, and I must admit that his new steel car is one of the finest and most comfortable show cars I have ever been aboard.

Yours very truly,
JOHN B. CULLEN.

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

"The Red Circle," the new serial, is to start soon at the Hiawatha.

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Washington is clamoring for the dramatic offerings that New Yorkers are enjoying so hugely.

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Benbow and "Baby," and the Wilsons, two clever teams, went well at Dudley's last week.

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"The Porter" being a "go," S. H. Dudley will stage another dramatic film upon his return from his western engagements.

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The rumor of the marriage of Miss Susie Sutton, the impersonator, to a well-known member of the Howard Law class is without the shadow of a foundation.

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Whittier H. Wright is doing some gilt-edged reporting of theatrical matters on the Nashville (Tenn.) Globe. He is a clever writer and has a sharp nose for the news the people want.

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The Freeman's big exposition number went like hot cakes among the theatrical folk in this neck of the woods and dealers had to send off for more copies. It was a "peach."

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The Arrants took well at the Howard last week. Mrs. Arrant's feat of playing the slide trombone with his foot won salvos of applause. The lady member was lively and talked and dressed up to date.

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Word comes that the Whitman Sisters are a "scream" in the Middle West and are putting on a lot of new matter in their acts. They have an abundance of talent and can be depended upon to "deliver the goods."

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Miss Mary Benjamin, of the sprightly Benjamin Sisters, gave a fine demonstration of the modern and fancy dances at True Reformers' Hall last Friday evening as an "extra added attraction" in connection with the Xmas soiree of the Bachelors' Club.

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The scenery at the Howard is all to be re-touched and many new sets are to be added, making it one of the best-stocked houses in the land for scenic effects, stage properties and accessories. The performers say it has the best dressing rooms to be found in any house operated for colored patrons.

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Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, the famous Chicago prima donna and lecturer, will give a recital February 2 at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, under the general direction of Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman. Preparations are being made to dispose of 2,000 tickets. Mrs. Hackley, while here, will probably be the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Williston, 1512 S street.

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The Cardinal-Hiawatha basket ball team goes to New York City March 3 to play a return game with the Incorporators of that city and to give this "unbeatable" machine a chance to get even for the gore they lost here on Christmas eve, when the score went the way of the Cardinal-Hiawathas by 21 to 18. The battle of March 3 will be one for blood and a big contingent of Washington society folk will go over with the team.

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Prof. J. Henry Green, director of the popular Amphion Glee Club, is negotiating for the appearance in this city of Mme. Anita Patti Brown, the eminent coloratura soprano, who will probably be able to stop over in Washington upon her return to the "States" from South America, where she is now filling successful engagements. Prof. Lewis is a prince of concert managers and backed by him, Mme. Brown is certain to face one of Washington's most brilliant audiences, if she consents to come this way.

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The changing of the name of the Crown Garden in Indianapolis, Ind., to the "Booker T. Washington Theater," suggests to local managers that the nation's capital could with propriety and fitness give the name of the great educator to one of its colored theaters. Some of the present names have no significance and a change could easily be made—with the advantage to the house at that. Dr. Washington was a friend to theatrical people and during the last days of his life paid visit to the theaters in Harlem, New York, and spoke in the highest terms of the long strides forward the Negro is making in the realm of the dramatic art.

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Salem Tutt Whitney, always broadminded and generous, recently laid off from two performances of "George Washington Bullion," not because he was tired or sick. It was for the sole purpose of giving his talented understudy, Sam H. Gray, a change to show what he could do with the chief comedy part of the "Smart Sets'" show. Gray pulled off a lot of applause and made good with his audiences. The heartiest congratulations he received were at the hands of Whitney, who was delighted to know that he had about him a performer upon whom he could depend when an emergency arose that would make such a service necessary.

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The Five Musical Byrons are drawing packed houses this week at the Howard and are repeating their social triumphs likewise of two years ago. Mr. Frank A. Byron, of Chicago, an attache of Congress here, a brother of the handsome quintet, is making it pleasant for the boys. A taking feature of the Howard bill is Mlle. Fifi, the noted danseuse, said to be Gertrude Hoffman's most formidable rival. At last Sunday's supper show, the society event of the week, as things now stand, the theater was packed from pit to dome with one of the swellest audiences of the season. The slight advance in prices has had no tendency to diminish the attendance, but adds to the comfort of those thoughtful enough to secure their seats in advance.

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The frequent changes of policy at the Casino, a medium-sized theater on F street for whites, suggests an idea that maybe the place does not appeal to the white patronage sought, and that it might be tried out successfully as a colored house. The former tryouts in the downtown region did not succeed, but the fault did not lie in the managers, Thomas and Dudley. Both theaters were "south of the avenue," out of reach of the masses of our people, and in a section that had been socially banned. The Casino is in the heart of the business district, in a neighborhood traversed every hour in the day by colored shoppers and business people and within easy distance of the uptown residential section. Why not the Casino as a colored theater proposition?

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Miss Fanny Wise made a splendid impression last week at the Howard. In an Indian costume which set off her charms to the best possible advantage Miss Wise revived her great "Red Moon" success "Bleeding Moon" (by request) and her old admirers again saw her as "The Prophetess," surrounded by tender memories of the late Bob Cole and bringing fresh courage with the realization that we still have with us in the flesh the associate master of music and method, Rosamond Johnson. Miss Wise has a host of friends here and they gave her a royal reception at every performance. Her imitation of a child singing "Why Do the White Folks Call Me Snowball All the Time?" was admirably done and her closing number was a classic, giving her clear high notes ample opportunity for display.

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Manager A. J. Thomas, of the Howard, is occupying the center of the spotlight just now. He has closed a deal for a high-class playhouse in Philadelphia and will take possession in a short time. The theater, located conveniently to the colored people, is on the famous thoroughfare, Broad street, and will easily accommodate several thousand persons, although some of the space formerly available for seats is to be taken up by an enlargement of the stage and orchestra facilities and additions to the box arrangement. Manager Thomas is booking a number of top-line attractions for his new house, all of which will be seen at the Howard here. In view of the expense attending the equipment of the Philadelphia houses, the project outlined last week for Baltimore, will be held in abeyance for the time, but will not be dropped altogether, as Baltimore is admitted to be one of the best show towns for colored people in the country.

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During the recent engagement of Gus Hill's "Midnight Maidens" at the Gaiety Theater, the biggest part in the entire show was allotted to "Jolly" John Larkins, and it is not drawing the long bow to say that he "cleaned up" and made his associate comedians look like selling platers. His specialties "stopped the show," as it were, and his unctuous comedy brought down the house in his speaking scenes. Although a colored man, and the only one in the aggregation, he is a favorite, and the white chorus works with more vim behind his song and dance numbers than for any of the other principals on the bill. His acting is natural and he studiously avoids all temptations to over-act to force a laugh or unnecessarily caricature the foibles of his race. Larkins has a big opportunity and he is making the most of it. The time will come when the white man as a black-face artist will be a negligible quantity. The shrewd manager of today wants the "real thing," and the public has been brought to a realization of the fact that no white man can play a Negro as a Negro can play himself. Ziegfeld and Gus Hill and a few others have the right idea.

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Bruce & Bruce
Buckner, W. C.
Buger, Henry
Blake, W. L.
Burton, Wayne
Brown, E. W.
Brown, Frank Zula.
Brown, Joe.
Barefield, Tony.
Beaman, J.
Byrd, Will
Carter, Oscar.
Calhoun, Frank J.
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Claybrooks, A.
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Carter, Routh.
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Douglass, F. A.
DeLyons, Frank.
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Davis, Jolly E.
Day, George.
Daniels, Willie.
Drayton, Carl.
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Holmes, William
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Johnson, Elwood
Jones, Bill H.
Jackson, J. R.
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Lazzo, Joseph
Love, Ralph.
Lomax & Watts.
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Matlock Lonnie.
The Mayfields
Miles, Roy
Mason, J. H.
Moore, Joe.
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Nelson, Buddie
Oliver, Robert
Oliver, Jack.
The Pattersons.
Puggsley, I. C.
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Porter, Buster
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Smith, J. J.
Scott, Leonard
Sorrell, Hiram
Stovall & Stovall.
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Taylor, Arthur.
Trill, Charles.
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Wise, Jim
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Buckner, Maggie.
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Dixon, Maggie.
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Graham, Maggie B.
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Jones, Miss Sallie.
Jackson, Miss Remell.
Love, Miss Jessie
Long, Maggie D.
Moore, Effie
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Williams, Martha.
Wiggins, Pauline
Washington, Miss T.

STAGE NOTES.

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Rabbit Foot Minstrels, Jackson, Miss., January 10.

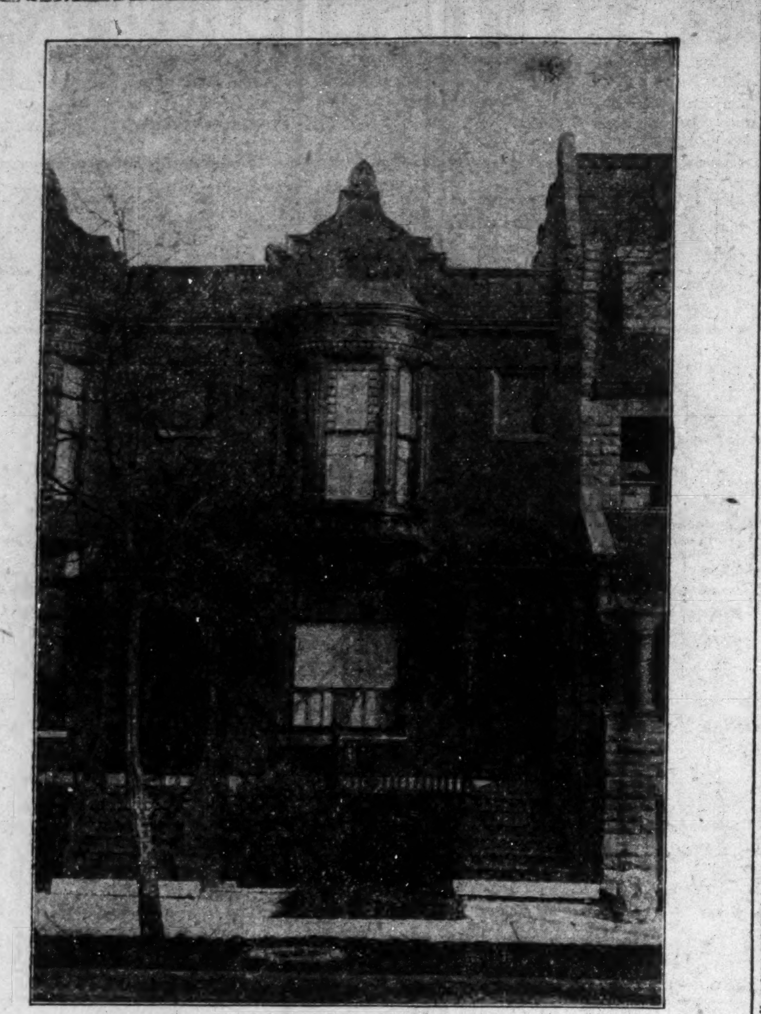
When in Indianapolis ask "Woody" where the Gilt Edge is.

Read the Freeman. Get the habit. It is a good one. News from far and near.

NOTICE.

In writing performers in care of The Freeman, always state what company they are traveling with, as it helps greatly in forwarding mail.—Ed.

Just think of it! How easy you can make times pick up if you advertise in The Freeman.



NORMAL VOCAL INSTITUTE, 3019 CALUMET AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY, PRESIDENT.

Mme. E. Azalia Hackley celebrated her fiftieth anniversary as a singer with a Christmas tree party for the students of the Normal Vocal Institute December 29. Mme. Hackley wore her first concert gown, a pink brocaded satin, which had been remodeled three years ago by the Senior Sewing class of the Manassas (Va.) Industrial School.

Among the telegrams of congratulation was one from Mme. Annie Skillern, of Denver, who originally designed the costume. A purse of gold pieces was given by the free classes. A representative from each class presented a gold piece with a speech. The matron, Mrs. Clara M. Lewis, was also remembered with a purse of money. Each student was given a photograph calendar from their teacher.

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MME. E. AZALIA HACKLEY
THE RACE'S LEADING VOCALIST

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

All of the houses in town did a rushing business Christmas night.

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Two exceptionally clever teams, the Wilsons and Beaman and "Baby," are at Dudley's this week.

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The Walton Duo (Earl and Lulu) are in New York City. They have some very advantageous bookings ahead.

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J. Leubrie Hill is coming, and "The Smart Set," now in Chicago, is to play a return engagement early in the spring.

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Mme. E. Azalia Hackley will be at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets, on February 2.

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The Five Musical Byrons are underlined for the Howard, week of January 3. Mlle. Fifi, the new Gertrude Hoffman, is also to be on the bill.

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Manager Lew Henry, of the Dudley enterprises, has been suffering for a fortnight with the grip, but has stuck to the job day and night just the same.

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As the newest "movie queen," Miss Desdemona Barnett is a brilliant success. Mary Pickford hasn't a thing on Miss Barnett—excepting possibly the salary.

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Washington's colored theater-goers are crying for real drama by real colored artists. If this reaches the eye of those who are handling this line of goods, it is up to them to "kick in."

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Frederico DeBotts, who is teaming with Miss Bertha Benjamin, is singing the "Chicken Blues" and "Run, Chicken, Run," with success. Miss Benjamin renders "Love Me or Leave Me Alone" and "Daddy" with fine effect.

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T. Spencer Finley and Miss Susie Sutton may double up. They would make a great team. Mr. Finley is to embark in business here in the spring. Miss Sutton conducts a high-class boarding house and many of the craft stop with her.

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There is a general impression that the "jim-crow" arrangements at the Casino will make colored patronage impossible. Why accept inferior accommodations to see an inferior show, when you can be on terms of perfect equality at a beautiful and comfortable playhouse run by your own people?

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The Sunday "supper show" at the Howard has gone so big and seats have been so eagerly contended for that Manager Thomas has arranged to reserve the first fifteen rows at regular night show prices. In this way a patron will not be obliged to stand in line an hour before show time to get a seat, but can secure same in advance, the sale beginning the Thursday previously.

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The New Carey Theater in Baltimore has been inspected by many visitors from the capital and they unite in declaring it to be one of the finest moving picture houses this side of New York. It is said that the management, which is white, intends to make provision for the use of vaudeville acts, which will open another door of hope to the colored members of the profession.

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The report that the gifted comedian, S. H. Dudley, had lost his voice, was not founded on fact. Mr. Dudley contracted a severe cold in the Northwest, which rendered him quite hoarse, but the throat trouble soon yielded to treatment and he is now in as good shape as ever. The statement that he had cancelled his contract on the Pantages time and would return at once to Washington is untrue. Mr. Dudley will fill out the time contracted for before heading for home.

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Miss Mary Albertine Brodie, a capable teacher in our public schools and a musician of originality and culture, has placed on the market a new song entitled "A Bashful Rose." It has a rhythmic swing and is quite "catchy." Miss Brodie is also composer of "Just for a Kiss," which has had a vogue in society. One of the most popular selections rendered at the drill of the High School Cadets last May was a march, "The First Separate Battalion," composed by Miss Brodie and dedicated to the battalion.

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"The Birth of a Nation" is having hard sledding all over the country, although it is being permitted to be used in expurgated form in some localities where the courts are willing to grant the management injunctions against interference by the city officials. Violence is reported in many places where the film has gotten a foothold. No Washington manager, so far, has cared to worry himself enough to try to present the Dixon-Griffiths production here. The nation's capital is not a good town for plays involving the race problem in any form.

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The performer who comes to a Washington house and repeats more than once, takes his professional life in his hands. The people are tired of paying over and over again for the material it bought last year, and it will decline to buy unless some new goods are offered. The critic will talk about you, too, if you don't put your think-tank to work and dish up something that is less than a quarter of a century old. This does not mean that the good things you do are to be abandoned, but you must put the old diamonds in a new setting occasionally at least. This is just a quiet tip, brother professionals. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Manager A. J. Thomas is considering a proposition to take over a first-class theater in Baltimore, conveniently located for colored patronage. This is just what our neighboring city needs. Baltimore, with its 85,000 Negro population, all employed in money-making occupations, would rally enthusiastically to the support of a playhouse conducted as the Howard is operated here, and the town, which has been a "dead 'un" lately, as far as housing road shows is concerned, could be made one of the banner theatrical centers of the country, ranking with New York, Chicago, Washington and Philadelphia. Push the matter, Brer Thomas; it is a gold mine.

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The presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Casino was not a convincing rendition of the story Harriet Beecher Stowe endeavored to tell to a country struggling with the incubus of slavery. There were acceptable spots, but as a whole it narrowly escaped the category of a farce. The work of the colored double quartet of singers and dancers saved the show from rank mediocrity. The necessity or any other excuse for two "Markses" or two "Topsies" in a sensible production of "Uncle Tom" has never been apparent to the naked eye. Retaining Willie Wykoff's colored octette and getting some good actors and some scenery would help Mr. Washburn to give a show that would be entertaining and instructive. The two bloodhounds were good.

DEWAYMAN NILES, THE GREATEST LIVING CONTORTIONIST, PERFORMS IN SACRED CONCERT.

(By Prof. D. J. Smith.)

Special to The Freeman.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 31.—Dewayman Niles, the contortionist, of unusual ability, performed in the sacred concert here last Wednesday night which was given in the concert hall of the Shiloh Baptist church. The concert was given by some of the foremost society and church people of Birmingham. It was up to date in every respect. The sacred dialogues, solos and sextettes were of the highest order and would remind one of grand opera. Dewayman Niles had come to Birmingham to spend his Christmas vacation, and when it was learned he was an artist of the highest class, he was called on by some of the ministers and promoters of the concert and asked to perform for this special occasion. All were pleased to learn he was a Christian and his intelligence met with the approval of the people. He is of such refined and pleasing personality that most any one would take a fancy to him.

Gave a Wonderful Exhibition and Gave His Portion of Money to Church.

There has never been a greater contortionist than this to appear in the city of Birmingham. The performing of those difficult and peculiar feats, with such unusual ease and grace, indicates that he is a natural-born artiste and has carefully cultivated his art. It does not seem possible for a human being to perform such feats and live. He is one of the greatest living wonders of the world. He ought to go abroad, for the people overseas should see him. His graceful gestures are perfect. Deweyman Niles ought to give up traveling with minstrel shows and go into concert work altogether. For only the concert stage is worthy of his captivating artistry. Every one that was present at the concert was highly pleased with his exhibition, and all showed appreciation in the highest degree. When the concert was over, and the financial end settled, the "Devine Dewayman Niles" gave his portion of the money to the church. Several admirers accompanied him to his dressing room, and one of them said: "I have seen Marsh Craig and all the contortionists of note, but you are the greatest I've ever seen." Dewayman looked at him with a gentle smile and said: "There will never be a contortionist greater than Craig." We can not praise the wonderful Niles too highly, for he is praiseworthy. His benevolence to the church is something to be considered. He is well educated.

NEWS OF THE PLAYERS

Miss Mabel Taylor, of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, soprano singer and piano player, received a wire from home that her mother was sick. She left from Wyoming to Washington C. H., Ohio, Christmas day. Best wishes.

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Easton & Easton have just closed a four weeks' engagement at the Lyric Theater, Wilmington, N. C., and will open at the Dixie Theater, Newbern, N. C., for one week, beginning January 10, with Richmond to follow. Hello, Benbow.

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William Benbow and Baby, at the Lincoln Theater, Baltimore, Md., week of the 3d; Lincoln Theater, New York City, week of the 10th; with Philadelphia to follow. Baby Benbow sends regards to the Russell & Owens Stock Company.

DUDLEY THEATER, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

The Scaddle-de-Mooch Comedy Company opened at the Dudley Theater New Year's Day for the season, under the direction of Jimmie Cox, better known as the "Black Charlie Chaplin." Mr. Cox is the star and he is ably supported by a very competent company, including the Misses Pearl Cox, Lena Hulett, Mary Burris, Helen Moore and Laura Langford, and Messrs. Roy Dorsey and George Johnson. Mr. Cox carries his own orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Emanuel Clark, that teasing piano player, known as "Kansas City's Pet." Paris "Dude" Langford, the boy who put the drum in drummer, will handle the traps. Prof. Irving Brown, the violin virtuoso, is also with the company. The company will play light musical comedy and stock vaudeville, the first play to run being "One Night in a Cabaret." Mr. Cox and Professor Clark have also contracted to entertain at "The Cabaret" every evening from 11 p. m. until 2 a. m. The Dudley Theater is owned and operated by Mr. Chas. Phelps. Jimmie Cox says, Hello, Dad James.

WICKLIFFE'S ORCHESTRA AT SCHLITZ'S PALM GARDEN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

John H. Wickliffe's famous ginger band of Chicago, Ill., after playing an engagement of five weeks at Schlitz Palm Garden, Milwaukee, Wis., spent a week's vacation in the windy city and are back again at the garden for the entire winter season.

This is the first colored orchestra that has ever played here. The roster consists of the following well-known musicians: John H. Wickliffe, sensational drummer and manager; Oscar Holden, piano; Darnell Howard, violin and director; Robert Scott, clarinet; Roy E. Wolfscale, cornet; Harry Swift, trombone; Ralph Hawkins, banjo; John Singleton, saxophone; Ed Wilson, flute; George Dixon, bass violin, and Chas. Woods, 'cello.

Mr. Wickliffe and orchestra send best regards to the entire profession and wish them a prosperous New Year.

EN ROUTE WITH THE DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

The Dandies passed through the dull holiday season with colors flying. We are now in Wyoming for three stands, then jump into Idaho.

Just emerged from a 300-mile jump, Cheyenne to Rock Springs, Wyom. Our show is small, but getting the money and making good.

What the Cheyenne News said of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels:

Cheyenne, Wyom., Dec. 29, 1915.—Chas. S. Black's Dandy Dixie Minstrels opened last night at the Atlas theater to capacity business. This minstrel is composed of some 12 or 15 colored ladies and gentlemen, who gave a very clever performance.

Earl Clendenon and John Dennis were the chief fun producers. John Dennis is introduced as the father of minstrelsy. He kept the large audience in an uproar during his stay and his song.

"Celebrate the End of War in Ragtime," was the hit of the first part.

The olio consists of vaudeville acts of merit. The foremost was a clever exhibition of hoop manipulating by Pearl Moppin. This man caused hoops to do as he bid. At one time it seemed as though two dozen little round rings were playing hide and seek dodging each other, darting in and out of toy shops, high school, musical stores and saloons. Each set had their special mission. This act closes with the hoops rolling all over the stage playing familiar airs.

The last act introduces songs and dances, with Ben Gibson, a very clever straight, and John Dennis, the interesting and funny Zulu. The minstrels repeat tonight and deserve another packed house.

NOTES FROM ROBINSON'S OLD KENTUCKY MINSTRELS.

(By Dennis West.)

We are still in Mississippi. The weather last week was very bad. The only performance lost this season was December 28, at Mound Bayou, Miss. Mound Bayou is a colored town and one that the entire race should appreciate. The people did everything possible to make it pleasant for the company and regretted very much that we did not show. All the performers were anxious to play the town and make it one long to be remembered, as not one of the company has ever played or visited a town of the size where every business and city official is colored. Prof. West and his band are still pleasing the public in the music line. We play what the people like, the latest and best obtainable. King Moody, our sensational bass drummer, was overheard asking a gentleman what a marriage license costs in this state. What was his object? W. A. Holmes, comedian, is a widower on account of Mrs. Holmes' ill health. She will be at home for a few days. We hope she has a speedy recovery. Mrs. West has been confined to bed for several days, but is able to be out again. Mr. A. L. Simmons left at Glenallan, Miss., for Humboldt, Tenn., on business. Mr. D. C. Hawn, our genial manager, left at Ruleville, Miss., to attend to some very important business at Kansas City and Chicago. We hope his stay will be a short one. By request, the management was compelled to cancel a date or two in order to play return dates at Greenville and Leland, Miss. Mr. Shelby McWilliams, cornetist, is going big around these diggins. Think he will need a private mail clerk shortly. R. L. Lovelace spent Christmas at his home in Jackson, Miss., and says he enjoyed a Merry Christmas. Dudley & Dudley send regards to friends in and out. Hambone Jones, write. Keep up with the professional world by reading The Freeman.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(By J. H. Gray.)

Those who delighted in musical treats packed Gibson's New Standard Theater this week to see the Five Musical Byrons, who utilize various musical instruments to produce music of the highest quality, surrounded by a stage setting of exquisite design. They were heartily encored. The offering of the Five Ruby Jones Girls was good. They sang songs that were appreciated and danced effeminately graceful, and displayed some stunning costumes and shapely figures. Their singing of Chinese songs was good. The String Beans Trio was of strong appeal to the audience and was heartily encored. Plenty of laughter was caused by the quips and the repartee of Walker & Staton, who also did some dancing. Chadwick & Taylor had in a varied entertainment much that was unique and of merit and the different parts of speech offered a lot of funny remarks that were original. Sellman & Rene, musical comedy entertainers, had an offering of song, recitation and merriment, concluding with a waltz in quite the old-time manner. The Clarks in song and talk were among others on the bill to gain plaudits. Pictures were also on the bill. Mr. John T. Gibson, the man of the hour, who has the only big theater in the country solely owned by a Negro, has just completed his new booking office, which is delightfully finished in brocaded blue and handsomely furnished with all the necessary appurtenances required in that line, including a safe, also gilded letters on the glass approaches informing the uninitiated what office it is. At the main entrance will now be found a new double glass-lipped ticket receiver finished in cherry and trimmed with burnished nickel, in which theatergoers drop their tickets instead of handing to the door man. Gibson's New Standard Theater is to the Negro race of America what Keith's million dollar theater is to the whites. At any time polite attendants in uniform will show strangers to the city around this magnificent temple of art, whose pennant 266 feet high floating to the breeze can be seen from any part of the city. The year 1916 has bright prospects for Manager Gibson, who has made it possible for Philadelphia and adjoining cities to enjoy only the best in the drama, vaudeville, comic opera and moving pictures in a first-class theater.

NEW YORK NEWS.

By Billy E. Jones.

Brooks & Bowen are at the Orpheum at Des Moines.

Cumby & Brown are at the Empress Theater, Omaha, Neb.

"Darktown Review" at the Broadway Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Cooper & Smith are at the Bijou Theater, New Haven, Conn.

Housely & Nichols are at the Majestic Theater, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Tom Cross, with the Black Hussars in vaudeville, sends regards to all.

Miller & Lyles open in vaudeville on the United time at the Majestic Theater, Johnstown, Pa.

The Lincoln Theater is presenting good vaudeville and stock company and pleasing the patrons.

The Ten Black Hussars open on the Loew circuit at the Greeley Square the last half of this week.

The Anita Bush Stock Company this week at the Lafayette Theater, in "The Gambler's Sweetheart," and high-class vaudeville.

I don't hear anything of Miss Lelia Mitchell since she opened at the Lincoln, New York, recently. Hope the act is still working successfully.

Billy E. Jones, Clarence Graham and Charles Johnson entertained the guests at the Mansion House, Brooklyn, on Christmas night and scored a big success with song hits and funny sayings.

Sid Perrin and Goldie Crosby are heading an act called "The Chocolate Bon Bons," and scoring quite a success. The act consists of twelve people—Sid Perrin, Little Jeff, Howard Andrews, John Wesley, Loretta Augustine, Goldie Crosby and Beatrice White.

ST. LOUIS NEWS.

(By Claybourne Shelly.)

St. Louis witnessed a very happy New Year in branches of colored municipality. Every church in the city held good Christian services in seeing the Old Year out and the New Year come in. Sunday the 2d was a glorious day in every Christian home and church. Rev. B. G. Shaw, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, preached a noble sermon, and taking up the same work as pastor, beginning with his sixth term as pastor.

The Y. M. C. A. also held a revival meetings, and sending thanks to the Lord over their victories of the year 1915, and raising $7,500 for the new structure which may begin its building soon.

The suit filed in Circuit Court by lawyer Phillips, Dr. Curtis and other noted race men of the Negro Welfare Association, is still being in progress, and are making a hard fight to prohibit segregation being voted on in this coming election, which will be the first of this coming February.

Keystone.

The Keystone Cafe and Cabaret, managed by Mr. Mills, at Compton and Lawton streets, succeeded in having one of the best enjoyments of the evening on New Year's Eve.

The guests came to the Bungalow full of noise of their various instruments of horns and bells and left much mor epleased over well spent hours of good entertainment and high class wines, which can always be found at the Keystone.

Theatrical people from all over the country who were spending Christmas in St. Louis was highly honored, and served with the best care. They can tell all of their friends to keep up with the time of scientifical and artistical entertainments to go to the Keystone Bungalow.

Current Events.

Undertaker Williams, located at 3325 Pine street, is recovering very slowly from a serious accident, which happened a few weeks ago while in his auto touring West. Whether a suit is filed yet is not known. Mr. Williams failed to express his opinion in that respect to either reporter of the Post or Freeman. But evidences are very clear in case he undertakes to do so.

Mr. Joe Davis, proprietor of the Superior Shaving Parlor, at 2337 Market street, is making new preparations to give the public first class service, beginning with the New Year. You can always find Joe with that smiling face greeting and welcoming the guest. He extends the hands of welcome to all of his race, both traveling and home people.

SOLDIERS HOME NOTES, MARION, INDIANA.

Henderson Ely, after a pleasant Christmas outing at Jeffersonville returned home this week and reports a good time.

Mathew Purdue and John Feilds were in Indianapolis for the Christmas holidays, but owing to the deep snow there returned to the pleasant surroundings of the Home Sunday.

Edward McKee visited friends at Louisville, Ky., and says the Christmas was so dull that he made his stay short, and is continually singing Home Sweet Home and etc.

Lucke Burris is still in the hospital, but improving fast, and sends a hearty New Year's greetings to all friends in general.

Rev. Wm. Chambers remains in the hospital for treatment and is progressing nicely.

Giles Frazier says it is too chilly in Indianapolis for him. He took the Marion Flyer for the Home after the first snow fall caught him without his overcoat.

Barracks No. 1 of the Soldiers' Home was very appropriately decorated yesterday under the direction of J. H. Ringgold of that company, on honor of the anniversary of the Jan. 1, when President Lincoln freed the slaves. A large flag was placed at each end of the building and another at the bottom of the stairs on the first floor. A small flag was placed at each bed, and a picture of Lincoln occupied a place outside and several pictures were inside the building. The sergeant's room was appropriately decorated. The whole was considered in good taste for such anniversary.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Mrs. Jennie Curd has returned from a months' visit with friends in Frankfort, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Charles Morton has announced the marriage of his daughter, Miss Joanna, to Mr. Arthur P. Evans, of Louisville, Ky. The marriage was solemnized in Jeffersonville, Ind., in April of last year.

Miss Anna Mildred Porter spent a few days of last week with relatives and friends in Auburn, Ky.

The Ladies Chautauqua Club is doing much good in their community in social and charitable work. During the holidays they sent out six baskets of provisions to persons who were in meager circumstances. The baskets consisted of sugar, coffee, potatoes, meat, canned goods, meal, fruit and a sack of flour each. They also gave money to three individuals. The ladies of this club are making great accomplishments in art and handiwork. They have on hands and have disposed of articles valued at from twenty-five cents to fifteen dollars.

Mis Ora Frances Porter entertained at her residence, 351 Kentucky street, Tuesday, December 28th, with a dinner party in honor of Mrs. Rosa Weir, of Lafayette, Ind.

Miss Mai Agnes Gordon, who is attending school at State Normal, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gordon.

Miss Lucile Goodall, of Fisk University, spent the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Potter visited their daughter and sister, Miss Pauline Wolf, who is attending school at Knoxville College.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING.

The beautiful quarters of Mrs. William Witt at Fort Russell were opened again with its usual hospitality to a few friends to eat Christmas dinner. A lovely seven-course luncheon was served to Mr. G. C. Gasken, Misses Virgil and Ruby Gaskin, Eunice Ashford, Tilford Ashford, T. Dazell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

Mrs. G. Tyler entertained Mr. Jefferson and daughter, Miss Lillian, at dinner Monday evening.

Miss Sallie Thistle entertained most delightfully a number of friends Friday evening. The guests were bidden to come and watch the old year out. Music formed the chief entertainment for the evening. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss L. Jefferson and the little Misses Hattie Brown and Jenny Lind Thompson. Those enjoying the affair were Madames Smith, Brown, Muse, Gasken and Tyler, Misses Virgil and Ruby Gasken, Eunice Ashford, Beatrice Alexander and Lillian Jefferson.

Miss Virgil Gaskin asked a few of her friends in to watch her demonstration on her beautiful new electric chafing dish the gift of some Santa Claus. Miss Gaskin is a graduate in Domestic Science and no need to say her demonstration was a great success. Miss Gaskin's guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Misses Eunice Ashford, Misses Ruby and Ethel Gaskin, Messrs. Tilford Ashford, Ernest Wilson, Spencer Cave.

Mrs. M. Mitchell invited a few friends to luncheon Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Milton T. Dean, who left for California to join her husband. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith and Mrs. S. Thistle.

Beautiful in its appointments was the New Year's dinner given by Mrs. J. E. Smith and Miss Thistle as joint hostesses. The artistic dining room in the Smith home was decorated in the holiday decorations and house flowers. A delicious six-course turkey dinner was served by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Ruby Gaskin. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hamler, Mrs. Pryor, Rev. Fant, Mr. and Mrs. William Witt and Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Witt and Master William Witt. Later in the evening the dinner guests were joined by the Misses Gaskin Jefferson and Ashford. Music was the chief entertainment for the enjoyable evening.

Mrs. M. T. Dean and daughter, Elizabeth, have left for California to join her husband and on the fifth they will sail for Manila, P. I.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ashford have left for Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Rev. J. W. Fant has taken up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

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SPORT BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE.

Havana wants the Olympic games.

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Sir Thomas Lipton may soon visit this country.

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Los Angeles high schools will form a tennis league.

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Mathiesen, famous Norway skater, will visit this country.

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New York City boasts 8,000 places where ten-pins can be rolled.

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Hank O'Day will rejoin the National League umpire staff this season.

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Nebraska University made $14,000 profit on football during 1915.

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Boston athletic associations are to provide two miniature golf courses for members.

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The Mike Gibbons and Young Ahearn boxing contest is to take place at St. Paul on January 18.

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Oklahoma City's Business Men's Athletic Association has been granted a charter, and will promote sports.

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Jack Prince will stage an international tug-of-war at Omaha, starting January 3 and concluding January 9.

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Mississippi "Aggies" will, in addition to basketball, devote much time to soccer football and cross-country running.

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Kenneth R. Curtis, captain-elect of the Syracuse University track squad, has won about 115 medals in the last few years.

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Chicago will stage a world's championship pocket billiards (pool) tourney. Benny Allen, of Kansas City, Mo., holds the old trophy.

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Kansas City, Mo., is talking of holding a horseshoe pitching tourney in the spring, to decide the championship in this line of athletics.

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The American Kennel Club increased the number of points necessary for a dog to gain in order to be ranked as a champion from 10 to 15 points.

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California Football Association (soccer) will donate a trophy for the winning team in the newly formed Public School Athletic League tourney.

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Saratoga (New York) Racing Association is expected to hang up close to $300,000 in stakes for running horse events at the Spa track next year.

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A team of Northwestern League baseball players may make a trip to the Hawaiian Islands previous to the opening of the 1916 league season.

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Howard Drew will join the Millrose A. A. of New York and probably secure a position in the department store which the organization represents.

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Women will be permitted to contest in the 1916 Grand American trapshooting handicap, which will be held in St. Louis. It will start August 20 next.

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Frank J. Marshall, American chess champion, may not participate in the Rice memorial masters' tournament, starting January 10, at the Brooklyn Chess Club.

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St. Louis has forty-two bowling leagues, with a membership of 367 five-man teams enrolled in the city association. Five city tourneys will be held.

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Interstate trap shooting records that 333 tournaments were registered in 1915. In these competitions 8,146 shooters participated, and 4,814,260 targets were shattered.

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During the last year the sporting activities of the Public School Athletic League of New York City and vicinity were taken part in by 350,000 pupils of the various schools.

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The $10,000 contributed by graduates and undergraduates of Harvard University, toward the building of a new gymnasium, it is now proposed to use for the construction of a swimming pool.

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The government may use the athletic field where the Panama-Pacific track and field championships were run off for the sailors and soldiers of the navy yard in San Francisco, alongside of which the track is located.

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At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Golf Association in Boston, January 22, stereopticon pictures of holes on the leading courses of that state will be shown, to illustrate certain principles of construction.

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The Polo Association is made up of 1,407 players, distributed throughout this country, of which 579 are military men and 828 civilians, bringing into use about 2,442 ponies, or mounts, as the association calls the ponies.

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San Francisco may stage an international swimming race next year in which Miss Fanny Durack, of Australia; Miss Ruth Stacker, of Honolulu, and Miss Olga Dorfner, of Philadelphia, may be among the contestants.

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John W. Overton, of Yale, the eastern intercollegiate cross-country running champion, will be a contestant in the senior amateur athletic union event to be held January 8 next over the Van Cortlandt park course, New York.

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The Ascot stakes for 1916, 1917 and 1918, one of the feature events of the English turf season, have been withdrawn. The French stakes for 1916 and 1917, including the Grand Prix of 200,000 francs, will be run off despite the war.

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David Janowski, as well as Capablanca and Kestie, will give an international flavor to the Rice memorial masters chess tournament, to begin in Brooklyn January 8. These foreign stars will make some of the American experts hustle to win.

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The budget speech, delivered last month in the New South Wales legislature, provides for a tax on bookmakers and betting tickets. There is no totalizer in that state. The premier replied to an inquiry that there was no intention of curtailing racing dates.

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Firmin Cassignol, the best carrom billiard player in Europe, is in New York. He may meet William F. Hoppe, world's champion, in an international contest. He can not challenge Hoppe for any title, for all of the world's balkline titles now held by Hoppe have lapsed.

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According to a recent surveyor's report, the challenger, Shamrock IV, shows no signs of deterioration. This, the latest yacht built by Sir Thomas Lipton, has been laid up at Brooklyn since it arrived in this country in August, 1914, with the intention of racing for the America cup.

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During this season's automobile racing contests throughout the country a total of $282,000 was distributed among the drivers of high-powered speed machines. Of this amount ten drivers divided $217,000, while twenty-five others shared in $52,800. The remaining $12,000 was split among fifty drivers.

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Winter tennis on the French Riviera is in full swing, as usual, despite the war, but the courts are surrounded by French officers and soldiers wounded in the Vosges fighting and convalescing on the Riviera. The matches are umpired by Meny, the French international player, who is at present nursing a schrapnel wound.

Duluth wants the 1916 National Association of Amateur Oarsmen rowing races. The award will be made next March. The Duluth Boat Club oarsmen won all the rowing races except the senior single sculls event, captured by Robert P. Dibble, of the Don R. C., Toronto, and the association senior single sculls event, won by Waldo Smith, of the New York Athletic Club.

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Jimmy Smith and Alex Dunbar, the crack New York bowlers, have returned from their trip through the west, in which they won seventy-nine two-men team matches and lost twenty-four series. In the individual contests Dunbar won forty-eight series and lost twenty-four, while Smith won seventy-six and lost only nine. The same pair will tour the middle west and southeast after the holidays.

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New York City light harness racing enthusiasts may not be able to win these contests this year, due to the taking over of the Empire City track by James Butler, who has become interested in the thoroughbred racing and may stage a running horse meet there. New York owners and breeders of trotters and pacers have their own track at Lexington, Ky., which they built and financed.

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The Football Association (soccer) of England and the Scottish Football Association have agreed that English professional players who assist Scottish clubs must be registered with the Scottish association and enter into agreements with their clubs as required by Scottish rules. Scottish professionals who play for English clubs are not registered and in either case players will not receive remuneration for football.

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The stallion Perrier, which was bred by King Edward VII at Sandringham, has achieved much fame in the Argentine as a stallion, his son Packey having won the classic Gran Premio Nacional of $100,000 and a cup to the winner a short time ago, from the flying Ocurrencia and seven others. The winner was ridden by F. Arcuri, and crossed the finishing point a head in front. He belongs to Senor J. Arucha, and is by Perrier-Cecil, by Bocago-Overdue, by Bend Or-Mezzo[illegible]int, by Coruleus. His sire is by Persimmon-Amphora.

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Elmer Oliphant, the Army football star, whose work featured the annual game with the Navy, is the first West Point man to win four letters in sport, which he has done in football, baseball, track and basketball. He is a boxer of ability and also plays hockey. His early athletic training was gotten at Purdue university. He has cleared 11½ feet pole vaulting, ran a quarter mile in 51 seconds, a half mile in 2 minutes 2 seconds, a mile in 4 minutes 31 seconds; covered the 220-yard hurdles in 25 seconds, and cleared 21-1-3 feet in the broad jump.

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Eighteen clubs have entered the United States Revolver Association tourney, which is shot indoors. A new system of competition will be tried, and it is expected that the change will be beneficial to marksmen who have not in the past been ranked up among the leaders. Three-fourths of the clubs have already voted to count three target scores this coming season instead of five, as has been the custom since the organization of the league. While the new system will not permit so ready a comparison with other seasons, it will give the clubs with limited range facilities a chance to pull off two matches in one night. Ten men may compete in each match.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

CHICAGO, January 1.—The ten-round contest between Jess Willard, the heavyweight champion, and Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., which Thomas S. Andrews, of Milwaukee, planned to stage on February 22, has been declared off. Andrews, it was announced today, had offered a $25,000 purse for the match and the hitch that prevented the bout was the division of the money.

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Interest in a division of boxing that for long has been dormant has been revived. The welterweight class comes forward and for the first time seems to figure in things pugilistic. The champion of this class is Ted Lewis, the Briton, who recently won the title, with the consent of the eastern scribes, when he defeated Willie Ritchie.

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Howard Drew will compete in the Millrose Athletic Association (New York) indoor sports, January 26. His "come back" will be watched with interest.

BILLY McCLURE OF WEST BADEN (IND.) WILL QUIT BOXING. NOTHING IN IT, HE SAYS.

Billy McClure, of West Baden, Ind., will quit boxing. Nothing in it, he says.

To the Public:

I (Billy McClure) wish to announce to the public that I have quit the boxing game with the passing out of the old year of 1915, which marks the end of my boxing career, owing to the fact that the Negro boxers of today cannot make enough money from boxing to justify them in keeping in condition. I have been boxing about four years. I took up boxing as a sideline of making money, not because I liked to fight, but it was for what I could get out of it. I did not quit working to make my living at boxing. I have been working and boxing, too. I have met many good Negro boxers, riding freight trains over the country, begging for food and sleeping any place I could find. When the Negro boy boxes he will have to box some big fellow, and only earns a few dollars. There is not even a living for the Negro in boxing; it is understood that he can not save anything.

In the summer of 1912 I met and defeated Slick Anderson in five rounds in Mt. Vernon, Ind., for which I received $2.50. Slick had earned for himself quite a name in the pugilistic world in and around Mt. Vernon, having met and defeated quite a number of good boys. I met him before a small club there and they passed the hat to make up a pot for the fighters. I received $2.50, the winner's share of the receipts. I knocked Slick out in the fifth round of what was to have been a ten-round bout. My next fight was with Tommy Williams, a 165-lb. boy (I weighed 116 lbs). I battled him ten rounds to a draw and received $3. Then came Kid Herman Alvis, a 148-lb. boy. I knocked him out in the third round and received $5. After beating a number of other boys around Mt. Vernon I started out as a boxer. I now weigh 124 lbs. and I have met some of the best boys in the game. I have been in the game long enough to learn that there is no money to be made by the Negro boxers, so, with the going out of the old year, I go out. I am through with the game for good. I have been fighting for four years and have been beaten twice in all my career, and I have met boxers that outweighed me 40 lbs. or more, and have held my own with them. There is not one club or man in the country that can say I faked or showed a streak of yellow before his club. While I have earned quite a reputation for myself as a boxer, I have not earned much money, so ends my career as a boxer. Wishing all the boys in the game a happy and a very successful New Year, I am,

Yours for success,

BILLY McCLURE (WEE WILLIE).

WHAT WAS SAID OF LEO JOHNSON AFTER HIS RECENT BOSTON BOUT.

Leo Johnson is even more than was claimed he was. He doesn't need very much more experience, but when he does get more he'll be a whale. Besides being extremely clever, a lightning-like jabber, he can swap in fine style. He is very shifty, can duck, sidestep and otherwise evade an opponent and hop and leap in such a manner as to have his man opposite dizzy following him.

The whole trouble with Leo is that he is altogether too fine a boxer for his own good. Colored boxers do not always get the sweet end of battles and one like Leo is going to find it even harder to get bouts. Not many lightweights who get a peek at him in action will want to mingle with him.

Another feature of him is that he never seems to tire. He had Conden beaten to a frazzel every second of the way last night. During the rests he didn't need any attention. He doesn't believe in being doused with water or in having resin swept at him from the swinging of towles. He just wants that out of his mouth.

Despite the fact that he was a couple of miles ahead of Condon, Johnson needlessly was reprimanded during the battle. It was evidently thought that he was "stalling." It was Johnson, however, who put up the battle. He worked twice as hard during the bout in that he punched at least twice as much. If he had worked much harder he would have fallen from his own exertions.

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT IS CALLED OFF.

Promoter and Willard's Manager Disagree—Milwaukee Makes Bid.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The heavyweight fight for the championship of the world, scheduled to take place here March 4, was definitely called off last night. A disagreement between Tom Jones, manager of champion Willard, and Tommy Burns, one of the promoters, caused the cancellation.

Milwaukee may be the scene of the fight February 22, although the law necessitates curtailing the bout to ten rounds, and thus removing its championship aspect.

Jones arrived from Chicago, all het up because he had heard that Burns, on December 24, had started work to engage Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, to take the place of Fulton. Jones declared that he would not permit Willard to fight before taking on Fulton, and showed a telegram from T. S. Andrews, of Milwaukee, offering Jess $25,000 for ten rounds with Fulton in the Cream City.

Tom said he would accept this offer unless something better turned up. Burns telegraphed to Frank Moran's manager, Ike Dorgan, of New York, again today, offering Moran $7,500 to fight Willard here. Jones then said that if Moran consented and suitable terms for the champion could be arranged, he would consent to the fight for March 4 or 6.

The agreement called for a twenty-round championship bout here in March between Willard and an opponent to be selected by the local promoters, who announced that Fulton had been selected. Fulton was signed in Chicago for the match on December 15.

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LITTLE ARTHUR STIGALL,

Little Arthur Stigall, world's greatest colored lightweight, has returned to the Middle West for a short stay. Stigall meets Terry Nelson, of Cincinnati, O., at Richmond, Ind., January 14th. All good colored lightweights, 133-140, that would like to meet Stigall should write at once to Robert Mallory, of Armory A. C., Conover Bldg., Dayton, O. Mallory will use Stigall for the opening of Dayton's colored club rooms. They can also write Billy Benson, 218 North 5th street, Richmond, Indiana, Richmond A. C.

Y. M. C. A. SWIMMING POOL, CHICAGO

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

CHICAGO, January 3.—Charlie White and his manager, Nate Lewis, left these parts yesterday for Boston, where White is scheduled to meet Matt Wells in a twelve-round battle Tuesday night. White says he is in great shape and hopes to finish the Englishman before the twelve-round limit. White and Wells met last November in Milwaukee, with the majority of experts calling the affair a draw.

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NEW YORK, January 3.—Freddie Welsh and Johnny Dundee will meet again in a ten-round fight here January 13th, it was announced today.

McDONALD, PA.

Mrs. E. L. Shelton and family spent Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Poindexter, in Bellevernon, returning home Tuesday evening. -- Mrs. Maria Lynch and daughter Mildred spent New Year's in Woodlawn. -- Mr. George Williams, of Columbus, Ohio, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Carter, returning home Tuesday afternoon. -- The Misses Ruth and Bessie Johnson and Mr. Frank Johnson, of Pricedale, Pa., spent the Christmas week among their many friends here. -- The Masonic Lodge No. 90 celebrated St. John's Day Tuesday evening, December 28. After the program was carried out with speaking by the different officers, a free supper was then arranged. The guests numbered ninety-six. -- Mr. Ermie Jefferson, Monongahela City, spent Christmas at the home of his uncle, Mr. Alfred Harvey. -- Mr. Lee Arnold Lynch spent Christmas in Bellevernon, Pa. -- Mrs. J. E. Brown gave a whist party Friday evening in honor of her nieces, the Misses Viola and Pearl Bennett, of Pittsburgh, Pa. -- Miss Nannie B. Straiter, of Belleview, spent New Year's at the homes of Mrs. Hattie Beny and Mrs. Chas. Redd. -- Mr. Carl Beard and Miss Coleman, of Pittsburgh, spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beard. -- Mr. Melvin Carter spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elvira Jennings, of Fanny street. -- Mr. Arnold spent New Year's in Woodlawn. -- Mr. George Carter, of Wellsville, Ohio, spent the New Year's at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elvira Jennings. -- Our pastor, Rev. G. E. Sallie, went to Rankin to communion Sunday afternoon, their pastor, the Rev. Washington, being dead. -- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tweedy spent the New Year's at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Tweedy.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., NEWS.

(By Nellie Early)

Miss Genevie Haithman, of South Prairie street, who has been in New York studying nursing in Lincoln Hospital, successfully passed the examination held recently. Her many friends are glad to hear of her success.

Mr. Benjamin Champ was called to Dixon, Ill., on account of his mother's illness.

Mr. Charles Washington, of Hadley, Ill., was a recent guest of his sister on North East street.

Mrs. Ada Hobbs, of Louisiana, Mo., visited her daughters, Mesdames M. Wheeler and L. Wright, also attended Leonard Thomas' funeral.

Mrs. Barbara Fry, of Springfield, Ill., was the guest of her mother and sister here.

Miss Mazie Roberts, of Sharp street, left recently for Danville, Ill., to visit friends.

Misses Stella Hoffman and Hallie Harper, of Peoria, Ill., attended Leonard Thomas' funeral.

Mrs. Josephine Valentine had the misfortune to fall recently injuring herself.

MISS NELLIE EARLY

Freeman Representative, Jacksonville, Ill.

Mrs. Benjamin Champ, of North Cox street, was a recent visitor in Springfield, Ill.

An entertainment consisting of music was given December 29th at the A. M. E. Church. It was well attended.

Rev. McCracken, of Marion street, visited his daughter in Chicago recently.

Mrs. Mary Wade, of Springfield, Ill., visited Mrs. Nannie Taylor, of 914 North Cox street.

Mr. and Mrs. Westley Davis, of Anna street, were recent guests in Pittsfield, Ill.

Miss Anna Brinkman, of Bloomington, Ill., was a recent visitor in our city.

Mesdames N. J. Blue and Bettie Harrison were Peoria visitors Christmas.

A pleasant party was given December 28th at the home of Dr. Kinniebrew, on West Morgan street.

Dr. Kinniebrew spent Christmas in Galesburg, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., and Beardstown, Ill.

On December 27th Dr. Scruggs ably preached at the Christian Church.

Mrs. Mattie Carpenter and son Earl are residing at 413 Anna street.

Earl received a number of nice presents for Christmas.

The funeral services of Leonard Thomas were held December 29th at the Christian Church. It was largely attended. Rev. R. Hancock officiated, being assisted by Revs. Harlis and Mackay. Music was furnished by the choir. Among the songs sung were "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," "Abide With Me" and "Hark From a Tune a Doleful Sound." His subject was "A Man That is Born of a Woman is But a Few Days Full of Trouble." The flowers were in charge of Mesdames Era Chappel, Rosa Russell, Mrs. Myrtle Higgins and Stella Hoffman. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Charles Daily, Robert Lewis, G. Weldy, A. Corbin, John Caldwell and Mr. Chappel. Interment was in East Cemetery.

WHAT HAPPENED NEW YEAR'S IN THE BOXING FRAT.

Johnny Kilbane and Ritchie Mitchell, draw, at Cincinnati.

Champion Freddie Welch outboxed Frank Whitney at Atlanta.

Johnny Harvey defeated Willie Beecher at Columbus.

Ted Lewis and K. O. Brennan, draw, at Buffalo.

Art Magirl and Tommy Burde, draw, at Memphis.

Cal Delaney knocked out Sam Taylor in seven rounds at Sandusky, Ohio.

Frankie Nelson knocked out Gene Moriarity in two rounds at Syracuse.

Benny Leonard knocked out Joe Welsh in five rounds at Philadelphia.

Johnny Nelson defeated Tommy Carey in six rounds at Philadelphia.

Johnny Dundee defeated Joe Azevedo in six rounds at Philadelphia.

Young Jack O'Brien defeated Joe Hefferman in six rounds at Philadelphia.

Jake Ahearn pommeled Al McCoy at New York.

Jimmy Murphy won decision over Frankie Izzo at St. Louis.

Whitney Wenzel shaded Al Rogers at Pittsburg.

Jack McCarron and Dave Kurtz drew at Allentown, Pa.

Jule Ritchie won by shade from Charley Collins at Lancaster, Pa.

EARLINGTON, KY., NOTES.

Many little hearts were made glad last Sunday at the Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday school when Mr. W. M. Killebrew, Superintendent, said he had presents for all the children in first, second and third classes. Mr. Sam Parks died Sunday, December 26th, after a very brief illness lasting but a few hours. His funeral was held Wednesday the 29th at the home of his brother, Rev. C. H. Waters afficiating. His sister arrived Tuesday night the 28th from Asheville, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roach, of Indianapolis, were here visiting relatives last week. Misses Hazel White and Willie Tyler spent the holidays in St. Louis, visiting friends. They arrived Sunday night, January 2nd, and left Monday night the 3d to take up their schools; Miss White at Wheatcroft and Miss Tyler at Crofton. Mrs. Bettie Young, of Guthrie, was the guest of Mrs. H. B. Thomas last week. Mrs. Sallie Warfield and Miss Ollie Toliver, of Guthrie, were the guests of Mrs. Anna Suggs last week. Mr. Edward Killebrew arrived home Saturday, January 1st, from Danville, Ill., where he had been visiting friends. Quarterly Meeting at the C. M. E. Church on Sunday, January 9th. Miss Lucile Garret, of the State Normal, at Frankfort, Ky., spent the holidays here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Crow, of Fredonia, Ky., were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Philips last week. Mrs. Crow is a niece of Mr. Philips. Rev. J. E. Todd, of Ayrshire, Ind., was here during the holidays visiting relatives and friends. He lectured at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Tuesday night, December 28th. He had been visiting his son, Edward, at Providence, Ky. Prof. J. W. Bell returned home last Saturday night from Tennessee. He visited Columbia, Nashville and other points. He reports as having a nice trip. Mrs. Underwood, of Birmingham, Ala., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Carrie Laffoon. Dr. G. P. Poindexter, of Madisonville, was in the city last Monday on business. Mr. Taylor Larker, of Cleaton, Ky., was the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Belle Hughes, Mrs. Lyzia Lee and Mrs. Johnnie Ray last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Emma Wilkerson and Mrs. Cora Watson, of Madisonville, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Philips and Mrs. Rachel Fisher last Sunday.

The 1916 Commandments.

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Thou shalt not make a practice of reading all white papers, nor bid thyself to serve, for they will not hold you guiltless when you disobey their laws.

Thou shalt not see anything good of the Negro in their columns as long as their eyes are so blinded to all the good deeds that he does.

Those that have news of interest for the Freeman have it in writing when W. M. Sisk calls on Saturday to deliver the paper. You can subscribe for the Freeman for $1.00 during this month. See, W. M. Sisk.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Miss Ruth B. Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visiting Mrs. J. Walter Hodge, 924 Fayette street.

Mrs. Elwood C. Knox was called to Chicago this week owing to the illness of her son Edward.

Mrs. Ottie Bell Elliott of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mrs. George Ferguson, 620 West Eleventh street.

Mrs. Mabel Maat, stenographer of The Freeman, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, of Chicago.

Miss Aletha Casey of Marion, Ind., has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Aletha Duvall on the south side.

The Wilkerson Hotel set was nicely entertained New Year's eve by Mr. L. Everybody was happy. Refreshments, music and dancing were the features.

George G. Simmons, the efficient foreman of The Freeman composing room, is taking a few days off—resting up. Charles Hunter of St. Louis is holding his job down for him.

Miss Lilly Hawkins wishes to say to her many friends and patrons that she is no longer at 1927 Columbia avenue. She is stopping at the home of Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, 1619 Martindale avenue. Phone 6053Y.

Mrs. Tresa Rolland, who has been spending the winter at Dubuque, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, in West North street. Mrs. Rolland is the wife of Mr. Willis Rolland, the popular head waiter.

SPIRITUALISTS CHURCH.

Madame Meadows had a very large crowd Monday night of both white and colored people. She gave messages from the passed out and all were recognized. She makes every one welcome to her meetings, which are held from 8:30 to 10:30 every Monday night.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The barber, automobile and common schools opened Monday evening with an increased enrollment after a 10 days' vacation. More than 30 men are enrolled in the automobile school while a like number are enrolled in the other branches.

The Bible study committee is glad to report that there is an increase in enrollment at the Tuesday night Bible classes. The Sunday morning Bible classes meets next Sunday at 9:30 a. m. This class is especially designed to meet the needs of the dormitory men. However, any man is welcome to attend. The Thursday evening class, under the direction of Mr. J. M. Benson, is proving quite a feature in the association's Bible study program.

Dr. Archibald M. Hall, formerly a professor at Indiana University, will address the men at the monster meeting next Sunday at 3 p. m. His subject will be "The Impossibility of Neutrality." The Orpheus Quartette will furnish the musical program.

Dr. F. A. Stokes will give the second lecture of a series of Indian life at the Boys' League Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. Stokes has had an unusual acquaintance with Indians of the Dakotas to whom he served in the capacity of government physician for eight years. He has chosen the "Indian Medicine Man" as a subject for discussion on next Sunday. More than 100 boys are expected to attend.

Mr. John Morris addressed the Boys' League last Sunday on "The Sanctity of the Home." A feature of his talk was a reading of two of his poems on the home.

More than 200 men and boys are now enrolled in gymnasium classes. Volley ball, baseball and basketball leagues are in full swing. The All Stars, captained by Alex Shores, are leading the indoor baseball league. The Greens, captained by C. Head, are leading the basketball league, while the Slims, captained by John Nance, are leading the volley ball league. In a hotly contested and well played game of basket ball staged Friday night the Sphinx Club defeated the "Y" boys 19 to 15. Wednesday evening, January 12, the "Y" team will play the Boys' Club, composed of stars from several white organizations. Cline and Babb, of the famous Em-Roe team, will play with the Boys' Club.

ROBERT A. ROBERTS DEAD.

Mr. Robert A. Roberts, an old and respected citizen of Charlottesville, Ind., died suddenly last Sunday at Arkansas City, Kans., where he was called on account of the death of his brother. Mr. Roberts was seventy-seven years old and leaves two daughters and two sons, besides a number of relatives. Dr. D. W. Roberts of St. Augustine, Fla., and Prof. R. A. Roberts of Quincy, Ill., accompanied the remains to his home. Funeral services will be held today at 10 o'clock at the home in Charlottesville, Ind.

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During the past month Mobile has had the pleasure of having the music world send some of the race's sweetest singers in the person of J. Rosmond Hayes, the sweet tenor, who appeared at Zion church, and on the following week the Tuskegee Jubilee Singers, then came the Williams Singers of Chicago at the Pike Theatre, following Miss Rachel Walker, the great prima donna, who appeared at the Warren Street M. E. church on December 20th, and from the comments Miss Walker is among the greatest singers of our race. Her superior training in Paris has left traces of success for this young woman. Each and every musical was well attended, as such treats are worthy of going to hear.

Rev. C. L. Grandison, of Pittsburg, Pa., is in the city. He has been giving a series of lectures at the various churches. Dr. Grandison is one of our own orators, who ranks with Douglas, Price and Clay. The helpful speeches of the Doctor I hope will take root and grow in our daily lives. He is stopping at the residence of Mr. E. L. Stevens.

The emancipation celebration held their services at the State Street A. M. E. Z. church. Dr. C. L. Fisher was the orator of the day. It was one of the best celebrations held in this city. The parade was grand.

DELTA METROPOLIS.

(By Lee A. Motley, Jr.)

GREENWOOD, MISS.—A very nice program was rendered at the McKennie chapel church Saturday night, January 1, 1916, pastored by Rev. P. W. Wrenn.

Mr. James Thomas spent Sunday in Greenville, Miss., with his cousin, Mrs. Mary King.

Dr. James A. Evans spent Christmas at his home, Columbus, Miss., with his parents. He reports enjoying himself fine.

Miss Madeline Lockwood of 379 1-2 Avenue G sends love to dear old Ohio. She is also a staunch advocate of the Freeman.

The Freeman is on sale every Saturday at Williamson's drug store and at 614 Fulton street.

WILL ASK FOR NOMINATION FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Mr. Edgar D. Bush will ask for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor next year. While many throughout the district had hoped that he would again lead the fight as the congressional nominee, he has determined to forego that and respond to the earnest solicitation of friends throughout the state to go before the Republican state convention for lieutenant-governor.

Mr. Bush is a native son of Washington county whom the Republicans of the county will take pleasure in urging for this important office because of his eminent qualifications.

He graduated from Indiana University in the class of '95 and taught school in Madison county. Although an active farmer, and a successful one in Howard township, he has been associated with business interests in Indianapolis.

Mr. Bush is a Republican with democratic ancestors. He believes that the people and the nation can be best served through the policies of the Republican party. His foremost desire is for the success of that party in 1916, even above his own personal interests and ambitions.

However, if the people of Indiana should name him as their candidate for lieutenant-governor they will have no man on the ticket who will add more to the spirit and activity of the campaign than he. He was the party candidate for congress last year, and his energy, vitality and enthusiasm did much to revitalize the party into a good working organization.

NOTES FROM LAUREL, MISS.

Everybody is looking forward for a prosperous year.

When it comes to watching the old year go, and the new year come in, this Laurel bunch has got them all beat.

A reception was given in honor of some Hattiesburg friends New Year's eve, at the home of Mr. Lige Morgan. Every one reports having the time of their lives. Some of those who were present are Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. George Blank, Mr. Marshall Brown, Mr. Bennie Bond, Miss Thelma Collins, and her guests. Music was furnished by Mr. Nelson and his boys.

Mr. J. S. Fair has returned home after a successful season with various baseball clubs. Mr. Fair was once connected with the Laurel Cubs of this city. He is known on the diamond as Joe Clyde, the star catcher.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY NIGHT

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President Frissell, of Hampton Institute; George Foster Peabody, Julius Rosenwald, Hon. W. J. Bryan and Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland.

The exercises will be held in the spacious Metropolitan A. M. E. church, M street between 15th and 16th streets, Sunday, January 16, beginning at 3 p. m. The music will be rendered by the Metropolitan church choir, augmented for the occasion, and led by Prof. Charles Wesley, of Howard University, with Prof. William Braxton at the organ. The songs loved by Dr. Washington will be rendered by the choir. The full program will be announced in a few days.

Israel Baptists Mourn for Dr. Washington.

Memorial exercises were held last Sunday at Israel Baptist church, 11th street northeast, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. John H. Burke. The address was delivered by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, of the National Training School, and the music was furnished by the young ladies from the school. Miss Janie Hawkins, president of the B. Y. P. U., acted as mistress of ceremonies, assisting Dr. Burke. The attendance was large.

More Colored Men in Treasury Promoted.

To the list of colored men promoted by Secretary W. G. McAdoo in the Treasury Department within the past month must be added Mr. Thomas F. Randall, of Maryland, advanced from messenger at $840 per annum to clerk at $900, and Mr. Abner McMurty, of Kentucky, from messenger at $720 to messenger at $840 per annum. This makes eight promotions of colored men in the Treasury within the past few weeks, representing an increase in salary per annum of from $60 to $200 per annum, thus spreading joy over a wide range of beneficiaries. These advances have been made upon sheer merit and no political considerations are involved.

Recent appointments of young colored ladies in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, a division of the Treasury Department, include Miss Phoebe Purce, of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Jeanette Taylor Nickens, Mrs. Mabel Pinn Phillips, Miss Sadie Gaskins, and Miss Mabel Thomas, of the District of Columbia, and Miss Vivian Lucile Thompson, of Indiana.

Mr. Napier to Be Next President of National Negro Business League.

As the situation looks now, Former Register of the Treasury J. C. Napier, of Nashville, Tenn., will be the next president of the National Negro Business League, succeeding the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

For several years past Mr. Napier has served as chairman of the executive committee of the League, a position scarcely second in importance to the presidency of the body, and at every annual convention he has been the right hand man to Dr. Washington in the general conduct of the organization. He has been in entire sympathy at all times with the policies mapped out by the "Wizard" for the government of the league and to him has largely been left the task of putting into execution the constructive plans of th far-seeing founder. It is the logic of the situation, therefore, that Mr. Napier should now be elevated to the presidency, as the man best fitted to fill the shoes of the late Dr. Washington and to carry forward the great work to which he gave fifteen of the best years of his life. As a banker, lawyer, federal official, trustee of several educational institutions and as a public-spirit man of affairs, Mr. Napier is known all over the land and his leadership as the head of the race's National Board of Trade would bring to the organization an enthusiasm that the name of no other business man among us could evoke.

The matter will be finally determined, of course, by the action of the convention at Kansas City in August, but the forces most deeply interested in the workings of the league are urging the peculiar fitness of Mr. Napier and doing their best to persuade him to permit the use of his name in this connection. It is understood that Mr. Charles Banks, first vice-president of the league, will not be a candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Napier, with his charming wife, has been spending the holiday season in Washington, making their home at historic Hillside Cottage, which was placed in condition for their occupancy during the past fortnight. They have been having delightful times greeting old friends and a host of acquaintances. Throughout Mr. Napier's sojourn here as Register of the Treasury, he was the backbone of the local league and materially aided President Daniel Freeman to maintain the Washington branch as one of the strongest in the country. Another effort is being made to induce Mr. Napier to head a movement to establish a bank here for colored patrons, and if the proper support can be assured, it is believed he will look upon such a project with a favorable eye. Mr. Napier would be a valuable addition to the commercial and financial life of the nation's capital—although Nashville would still claim him as a citizen.

"Cupid" Busy During Holiday Season.

"Cupid," that irresistible little god of love, has been extremely busy hereabouts during the holiday season just past.

Prominent among the victims of the cherub's dainty darts have been: Mr. Richard Ware, the founder of the Ware Department Store, who led to the altar Miss Elmira Belle Green, who has been his chief assistant in business for some time; Dr. William J. Howard, Jr., who surprised his closest friends by placing a band of gold upon the hand of Miss Dorothy Waring, a Baltimore belle; Mr. Harry Sayles, of the Postoffice Department, who won as his bride, Miss M. Clementina Jernigan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Jernigan, and who has been an efficient chief of a division in the offices of the National Benefit Association; Mr. Herbert Bryce, who took the vows with Miss Cordelia Arnett, well-known in the younger social set; and, last, but no means least, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the 9th Street Baptist church, who made captive the heart of Mrs. Swann, a highly useful worker in religious and other uplifting movements in the District. This notable wedding and that of Mr. Woolsey W. Hall and Miss Charlotte Lawson Alston, have already been chronicled through our news budget.

American Negro Academy Elects Officers.

The American Negro Academy, after a highly successful session at the Y. M. C. A., 12th street, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, A. H. Grimke; vice-presidents, Kelley Miller, L. Z. Johnson and Rev. Matthew Anderson; recording secretary, Arthur U. Craig; corresponding secretary, J. W. Cromwell; treasurer, Rev. F. J. Grimke; executive committee, Kelly Miller, J. E. Moorland, F. J. Grimke, A. U. Craig, F. H. M. Murray, L. M. Hershaw and J. W. Cromwell. The organization embraces some of the most notable scholars and scientists of the Negro race and meets annually in this city during the Xmas holidays for a study of the big problems of the hour and to mingle socially.

Some of the most profitable addresses of the session included "The Sex Question and Race Segregation," A. H. Grimke; "The Message of the St. Domingo Negro to the Negro Race," Dr. T. G. Steward, Wilberforce University, Ohio; "Negro Citizenship of the Negro Prior to the Civil War Historically Considered," L. M. Hershaw; "American Negro Bibliography of the Year," J. W. Cromwell; "The Economic Contribution of the Negro to America," Arthur A. Schomburg; and "The Constitutional Status of the Negro from 1860 to 1870," Prof. William Pickens, dean of Morgan College, Baltimore. The Academy is nineteen years of age.

Major Young on American Soil.

Major Charles Young, of Kentucky origin, is again on American soil, after a brilliant service as military attache of the United States at Monrovia, Liberia. He is the highest Negro officer in the regular army of this country and has a record second to none of his rank anywhere. He has been ordered by the War Department to take charge of his command in the 0th Cavalry, now stationed along the Mexican border in Arizona. He has completed his required assignment in the foreign service. There is no truth in the rumor—not for the present at least—that he is to be made chief of a constabulary to be formed in Haiti during the life of the American protectorate. While here Major Young has been the guest of Dr. W. L. Board, of 944 T street. At the conclusion of his negotiations with the War Department, the gallant major is to spend a brief vacation with his family at Wilberforce, O., and then proceed to his work in Arizona.

"Getting After" Fakirs of High and Low Degree.

The Pittsburg Courier, voicing the sentiment of the people of Washington and stating the same to a nicety, is out in a timely protest against the fakirs who have gotten early on the job of making money for themselves through the public appreciation of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington.

Some have incorporated associations for the erection of monuments others are rehashing a mass of data and rushing out alleged autobiographies of the noted educator; and others are pretending to found towns or industrial schools in honor of the deceased leader. A few of these movements, of course, are no doubt in good faith, but the distressing fact remains that the counterfeiters are so numerous that the honest ones are apt to be overshadowed in the mass, and that to approve any one of them at this time might result in opening the gateway wide for the shams and thus assist them in their efforts to rake in a "bunch of easy money."

It would seem the better part that the friends of Dr. Washington follow the pathway marked out by the trustees and contribute, through them and Emmett J. Scott, as much as they can afford to realize the $2,000,000 memorial fund and thus make sure of the future of Tuskegee Institute, which, after all is said and done, is Booker T. Washington's best and most logical monument. The memorials in stone and bronze, very well in their way, can afford to await future action. Says the Pittsburg Courier, in conclusion—and note the language carefully:

"That scandalous methods should be used to 'get money' is to be regretted; that any man would seek to commercialize the name of the man because the world knew him and loved him, is also to be deplored. But, if such men and methods are to be thrust upon us, we shall be prepared to meet them with the stern 'No' they deserve. Watch for the fake schemers and their schemes."

Miss Clarice Jones Not to Wed Mr. Springman.

It is stated upon the best of authority that there is absolutely no truth in the rumor that Miss Clarice Jones, daugher of Lawyer and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, of this city, is engaged to marry a Mr. Karl Springman, of Alabama, as published recently in a local paper.

Miss Jones is not engaged to Mr. Springman and is not even acquainted with any gentleman of that name. Miss Jones spent the holidays here with her parents and has since returned to Salisbury, N. C., where she is director of the department of music in Livingstone College.

The Town in Review.

Mr. Thomas Walker, of this city, was elected treasurer of the National Equal Rights League at the annual convention of that organization which met recently in Philadelphia. Mr. Maurice W. Spencer, of Wilmington, Del., but who is engaged in business in this city, was chosen as one of the three corresponding secretaries.

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Miss Vivian Lucile Thompson, of 1223 S street, entertained a large party of friends Tuesday evening at her home, in honor of Miss Martha Merrick, of Durham, N. C., and Miss Selma Beck, of Indianapolis, Ind., who have been spending the Christmas holiday in the city. Miss Thompson was assisted in receiving by Miss Maude Ethel Brown, of Louisville, Ky., and Misses Mary O. Chaney and Sadie Sumner, of this city. The occasion was highly enjoyable.

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Mrs. Pattie H. Boyd, wife of J. R. Boyd, died Thursday morning at her late home, 1324 Montello avenue, N. E., after an extended illness. The funeral took place Saturday at Calvary P. E. church, 11th and G streets, N. E., Rector F. A. Bennett, officiating. Besides her husband, four daughters survive Mrs. Boyd. They are Orrie Boyd McSween, and Norma, Elizabeth and Genevieve L. Boyd.

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Mr. Henry Johnson, for eighteen years a deputy United States marshal, serving in the police court, has resigned, his resignation taking effect on the 1st of January. Mr. Johnson was a faithful and efficient officer. He was for many years connected with the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District. The departure of Mr. Johnson leaves one other colored deputy marshal, Mr. J. H. W. Howard, of Pennsylvania, who was appointed under the present administration.

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Mr. Jackson M. Ryan, formerly proprietor of the Southern Hotel when Pennsylvania avenue was in its palmy days, and later in business on B street before the demolition of the old Pennsylvania railroad station destroyed the commercial value of that neighborhood, is now associated with Mr. P. Dallas Washington in the management of the buffet of the cafe at 636 D street, formerly known as "Gray's." Mr. Ryan will be glad to greet his old friends at his new stand.

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Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, leader of the District bar, completely restored to health, is himself again and will soon be heard as of yore upon the forums in and about Washington. He recently delivered a thrilling address at Falls Church, Va., on the fruits of fifty years of freedom for the Negro race. Mr. Jones is planning to take an active part in the presidential campaign this year. He is a power on the stump.

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Be reports what they may, the welfare of the National Training School for Women and Girls at Lincoln Heights, D. C., conducted by the intrepid Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, is in no way involved in the controversy between the two factions of the National Baptist Convention. This institution is prospering and is steering clear of all entanglements likely to embarrass its work.

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The fight for delegate to the Republican National Convention is warming up. Among the colored aspirants are mentioned Dr. E. D. Williston, Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, Lawyer L. Melendez King, John W. Lewis, the banker, Dr. J. R. Wilder, Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, J. Finley Wilson, editor of The Eagle, and W. Calvin Chase, editor of the Bee.

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Word has just reached the capital that Former Auditor of the Navy Department, Ralph W. Tyler, has been serving on the Board of Complaints at Columbus, Ohio. His appointment to the position is peculiarly fitting, as he possesses talents that eminently qualify him for expert service on a Board of Complaints. The job, however, wound up last week.

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Bishop Alexander Walters has been in the city since Sunday. He officiated in the pulpit of several Zion churches during the day and in the evening administered the rite of confirmation to a large class at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church. He paid his respects to the President, members of the Cabinet and to a score or more of the leading Senators and Representatives in Congress. He has received many callers at the Episcopal Retreat, the home of the widow of the late Bishop J. W. Smith.

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Major R. R. Moton, the newly-elected principal of Tuskagee Institute, passed through the city a few days ago, en route to New York. He is expected here on the 16th to speak at the national memorial in honor of Dr. Booker T. Washington at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church.

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A large audience heard Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, and Representative Martin B. Madden, of Illinois, Monday evening at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church. They are both staunch friends of Negro progress and their addresses were eloquent and inspiring. The occasion was the celebration of the fifthy-third anniversay of the emancipation of the Negro.

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The sober sentiment of the people of the District is for a radical change in the local school system. They are insisting upon a central authority, upon which responsibility can be located, and they are anxious to place at the helm administrators in whom they have confidence. The recommendations offered by the Commissioners are sound and have the approval of the thinking citizens of the District, notwithstanding the noise made at ward meetings held in the interest of those who wish to hold on to the power they have abused. Early action by Congress is expected.

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Prof. J. P. Rawley is endeavoring to arouse interest in this section of the country in behalf of the Slater Normal and Industrial School, located at Winston-Salem, N. C., which is seeking to raise $12,000 for a new building. The state legislature offered some time ago to donate $12,000 if the trustees would raise a like amount. This was done and the state also built a dormitory for girls at a cost of $15,000. The Slater School, doing a work similar to that for which Tuskegee and Hampton stand, has grown wonderfully in the past 20 years, says Prof. Rawley.

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